

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Pursuant to sections 101, 207, 215, 305, 3009, 3012-c and section 3012-d of the Education Law and Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2015.

1. A new section 30-2.14 of the Rules of the Board of Regents is added, effective June 1, 2016, to read as follows:

§30-2.14. Annual Professional Performance Review Scores and Ratings for the 2015-16 School Year During a Transition to Higher Learning Standards.

(a) For purposes of this section, State assessments shall mean the grades 3-8 English language arts and mathematics State assessments.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part to the contrary, the Commissioner shall establish procedures in guidance for transition scores and ratings for teachers and principals whose annual professional performance reviews conducted pursuant to Education Law §3012-c and this Subpart for the 2015-2016 school year are based, in whole or in part, on State assessments and/or on State-provided growth scores on Regents examinations during a transition period while the State completes the transition to higher learning standards through new State assessments aligned to the higher learning standards, and a revised State-provided growth model.

(1) State-provided growth scores will continue to be calculated pursuant to this Subpart for advisory purposes only during this transition period and teachers and principals will continue to receive an overall score and rating calculated pursuant to this Subpart.

(2) For the transition period, an overall composite transition score and rating shall be generated based on the scores and ratings on the remaining subcomponents of

the annual professional performance review that are not based on State assessments and/or a State-provided growth score on Regents examinations. The overall composite transition score shall include the use of any back-up SLOs developed by the district/BOCES in lieu of the State-provided growth score on State assessments; provided that such back-up SLOs shall not be based on State assessments.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (d) of this section, a teacher's or principal's final composite score and rating, for all purposes under section 3012-c of the Education Law or this Subpart as well as for purposes of tenure determinations and other employment decisions and proceedings pursuant to Education Law §§ 3020-a and 3020-b, shall be the transition composite score and rating. The requirement for a teacher or principal improvement plan shall be based on the teacher's or principal's transition composite score and rating.

(d) For purposes of public reporting of aggregate data and disclosure to parents pursuant to paragraph b of subdivision 10 of section 3012-c of the Education Law, the original composite score and rating pursuant to section 3012-c of the Education Law and this Subpart shall be reported with (i) the transition composite score and rating and (ii) an explanation of such transition composite score and rating.

2. A new section 30-3.17 of the Rules of the Board of Regents is added, effective June 1, 2016, to read as follows:

§30-3.17. Annual Professional Performance Review Ratings for the 2015-2016 through the 2018-2019 school years for Annual Professional Performance Reviews Conducted Pursuant to Education Law §3012-d and this Subpart, During a Transition to Higher Learning Standards.

(a) For purposes of this section, State assessments shall mean the grades 3-8 English language arts and mathematics State assessments.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Subpart to the contrary, the Commissioner shall establish procedures in guidance for determining transition scores and ratings for teachers and principals whose annual professional performance reviews conducted pursuant to Education Law §3012-d and this Subpart for the 2015-2016 through the 2018-2019 school years are based, in whole or in part, on State assessments and/or State-provided growth scores on Regents examinations, while the State completes the transition to higher learning standards through new State assessments aligned to higher learning standards, and a revised State-provided growth model.

(1) State-provided growth scores will continue to be calculated for advisory purposes only pursuant to this Part during this transition period and teachers and principals will continue to receive an overall rating calculated pursuant to this Subpart.

(2) In addition, during this transition period, the Commissioner may also authorize the use of one or more State-provided growth model(s) that take into consideration multiple years of student growth on State assessments to compute scores in the required subcomponent of the student performance category, for advisory purposes only under this section.

(3) During the transition period, a transition score and rating on the student performance category, and a transition rating that incorporates the student performance category rating shall be generated based on:

(i) the scores/ratings in the subcomponents of the student performance category that are not based on State assessments and/or a State-provided growth score on Regents assessments; and

(ii) for the 2016-2017 through 2018-2019 school years, in instances where no scores/ratings in the subcomponents of the student performance category can be generated, notwithstanding any other provision of this Subpart to the contrary, a SLO shall be developed by the district/BOCES consistent with guidelines prescribed by the Commissioner using assessments approved by the Department that are not State assessments.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (d) of this section, a teacher's or principal's final composite rating for all purposes under section 3012-d of the Education Law or under this Subpart, as well as for purposes of tenure determinations, individual employment records, and other employment decisions and proceedings pursuant to Education Law § 3020-b, shall be the overall transition rating. The requirement for a teacher or principal improvement plan shall be based on the teacher's or principal's overall transition composite rating.

(d) For purposes of public reporting of aggregate data and disclosure to parents pursuant to paragraph b of subdivision 10 of section 3012-c of the Education Law as made applicable to this Subpart, the original composite rating pursuant to section 3012-d of the Education Law and this Subpart shall be reported with (i) the overall transition rating and (ii) an explanation of such overall transition rating.

