AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to sections 101, 207, 305, 308, 309, and 3204 of the Education Law.

- 1. Clause (f) of subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (ee) of section 100.2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended to read as follows:
 - (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subparagraph[, schools]:
- (i) Schools shall not be required to conduct the two-step identification process prescribed in clauses (a) and (b) of this subparagraph for the 2020-21 school year due to the cancelation of State assessments for the 2019-20 school year [due to]. Schools may, but are not required to, conduct the two-step identification process prescribed in clauses (a) and (b) of this subparagraph for the 2021-22 school year due to the limited administration of State assessments in the 2020-21 school year as a result of the State of emergency declared by the Governor for the COVID-19 crisis.

(ii) For all students who will be enrolled in grades 3 through 8 for the 2020-21 school year, schools shall make such identification based solely on the district-developed procedures prescribed in clauses (b), (d) and (e) of this subparagraph. For schools that opt not to conduct the two-step identification process prescribed in clauses (a) and (b) of this subparagraph for the 2021-22 school year, schools may make such identification based solely on the district-developed procedures prescribed in clauses (b), (d), and (e) of this subparagraph for all students who will be enrolled in grades 3 through 8 for the 2021-22 school year.