

Dear Colleagues,

At today's Board of Regents meeting, Commissioner Elia presented an update to the Regents on the Department's work in conjunction with stakeholders to prepare a plan to submit to the United States Department of Education (USDE) to meet the requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A copy of the Commissioner's presentation can be found at: <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/ESSA.pdf> and a press release regarding her presentation is available at: <http://www.nysed.gov/news/2016/state-education-department-proposes-high-level-concepts-draft-every-student-succeeds-act>.

During the course of the discussion, the Commissioner indicated that she has revised her recommendation regarding the date by which New York should submit its plan. The Commissioner recommended submitting the state ESSA plan in July 2017 rather than March 2017, and the Board of Regents endorsed this recommendation.

This revision in time line will not affect the immediate work of the ESSA Think Tank or the conduct of Regional ESSA meetings. However, it will give the Department additional time to engage with stakeholders before the Department submits a formal draft plan to the Board of Regents for dissemination to the public. Instead of the draft plan being made available at the end of November, we now expect it will be released in late winter or early spring, preceded with additional engagement with stakeholders.

We appreciate all of your support for our efforts to develop the ESSA state plan. If you have any questions, please send them to ESSA@nysed.gov or call the Office of Accountability at [\(718\) 722-2796](tel:(718)722-2796).

Sincerely,

The Office of Accountability

[State Education Department Proposes High-Level Concepts For Draft Every Student Succeeds Act Plan](http://www.nysed.gov/news/2016/state-education-department-proposes-high-level-concepts-draft-every-student-succeeds-act)

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