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Dear Superintendent Belfield:

NOTE:

Only documents that are incorporated by reference in your APPR have been reviewed and are considered as part of your APPR; therefore, any supplemental documents such as memorandums of agreement or understanding that were uploaded with your APPR but are not incorporated by reference in your APPR have not been reviewed. However, the Department reserves the right to review the uploaded attachments at any time for consistency with your APPR plan and/or to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations; and as a result of such review, the Department may reject your APPR plan and/or require corrective action.

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Task 1. General Information - Disclaimers and Assurances

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Disclaimers

For guidance related to Annual Professional Performance Review plans, see NYSED APPR Guidance.

The Department will review the contents of each local educational agency's (LEA) Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) plan as submitted using this online form, including required attachments, to determine if the plan rigorously complies with Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents. Department approval does not imply endorsement of specific educational approaches in an LEA'splan.

The Department reserves the right to request further information from an LEA to monitor compliance with Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents. Each LEA is required to keep detailed records on file for each section of the currently implemented APPR plan. Such detailed records must be provided to the Department upon request. The Department reserves the right to disapprove or require modification of an LEA's plan that does not rigorously adhere to the requirements of Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

The Department will not review any attachments other than those required in the online form. Any additional attachments supplied by the LEA are for informational purposes only for the teachers and principals reviewed under this APPR plan. Statements and/or materials in such additional attachments have not been approved and/or endorsed by the Department. However, the Department considers void any other signed agreements between and among parties in any form that prevent, conflict, or interfere with full implementation of the APPRplan approved by the Department. The Department also reserves the right to request further information from the LEA, as necessary, as part of its review of this plan.

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- **State assessment(s)**;or

  Assessment(s) that are selected from the list of State-approved:

- **third party assessments**; or
- **locally-developed assessments**(district-, BOCES- or regionally-developed).

HEDI Scoring Bands

Highly Effective			Effective			Developing		Ineffective											
20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
97-100%	93-96%	90-92%	85-89%	80-84%	75-79%	67-74%	60-66%	55-59%	49-54%	44-48%	39-43%	34-38%	29-33%	25-28%	21-24%	17-20%	13-16%	9-12%	5-8%	0-4%

SLO Assurances

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Common Branch Kindergarten Measures and Assessments

Please indicate below which of the three available measure types will be used for kindergarten teachers, then choose the specific measure, corresponding assessment type(s), and applicable assessment(s).

An individually attributed SLO measure

> Teacher and course-specific

- **Teacher and course-specific results**:scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students in the teacher's course in the current school year.

A collectively attributed SLO measure

> School- or program-wide

- **School- or program-wide results**:scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students in a school or programwho take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **School- or program-wide group or team results**: scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' coursesin the current school year.
- **School- or program-wide linked results**: scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students enrolled in the teacher's course in the current school year taking assessments in other grades/subjects.

> District- or BOCES-wide

- **District- or BOCES-wide results**:scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students across buildings/programs in an LEAwho take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **District- or BOCES-wide group or team results**: scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' courses across buildings/programs in an LEAin the current school year.

Kindergarten: Measure Type

District- or BOCES-wide

Kindergarten: District- or BOCES-Wide Measure

District- or BOCES-wide results

Kindergarten: Assessment Type(s)

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Common Branch Grade One Measures and Assessments

Please indicate below which of the three available measure types will be used for grade one teachers, then choose the specific measure, corresponding assessment type(s), and applicable assessment(s).

An individually attributed SLO measure

> Teacher and course-specific

- **Teacher and course-specific results**:scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students in the teacher's course in the current school year.

A collectively attributed SLO measure

> School- or program-wide

- **School- or program-wide results**:scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students in a school or programwho take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **School- or program-wide group or team results**: scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' coursesin the current school year.
- **School- or program-wide linked results**: scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students enrolled in the teacher's course in the current school year taking assessments in other grades/subjects.

> District- or BOCES-wide

- **District- or BOCES-wide results**:scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students across buildings/programs in an LEAwho take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **District- or BOCES-wide group or team results**: scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' courses across buildings/programs in an LEAin the current school year.

Grade 1: Measure Type

District- or BOCES-wide

Grade 1: District- or BOCES-Wide Measure

District- or BOCES-wide results

Grade 1: Assessment Type(s)

☑ State or Regents assessment(s)

Grade 1: State or Regents Assessment(s)

☑ ELA Regents
☑ Algebra I Regents
☑ Living Environment Regents
☑ Global History Regents
☑ US History Regents

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Grade Five

Please identify below whether grade five instruction is common branch or departmentalized; indicate which of the three available measure types will be used for grade five teachers; and then choose the specific measure, corresponding assessment type(s), and applicable assessment(s).

An individually attributed SLO measure

> Teacher and course-specific

- **Teacher and course-specific results**:scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students in the teacher's course in the current school year.

A collectively attributed SLO measure

> School- or program-wide

- **School- or program-wide results**:scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students in a school or programwho take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
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- **School- or program-wide linked results**: scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students enrolled in the teacher's course in the current school year taking assessments in other grades/subjects.

> District- or BOCES-wide

- **District- or BOCES-wide results**:scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students across buildings/programs in an LEAwho take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **District- or BOCES-wide group or team results**: scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' courses across buildings/programs in an LEAin the current school year.

Please choose the option that best describes grade five in your LEA.

☑ Departmentalized - all core subjects use the same measure and assessment(s)

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Grade Five (Departmentalized) Measure and Assessment(s)

Grade fivedepartmentalized with uniform measure and assessment(s) across core subjects

Grade 5: Measure Type

District- or BOCES-wide

Grade 5: District- or BOCES Measure

District- or BOCES-wide results

Grade 5: Assessment Type(s)

- ☑ State or Regents assessment(s)

Grade 5: State or Regents Assessment(s)

- ☑ ELA Regents
- ☑ Algebra I Regents
- ☑ Living Environment Regents
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Grade Six

Please identify below whether grade six instruction is common branch or departmentalized; indicate which of the three available measure types will be used for grade six teachers; and then choose the specific measure, corresponding assessment type(s), and applicable assessment(s).

An individually attributed SLO measure

> Teacher and course-specific

- **Teacher and course-specific results**:scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students in the teacher's course in the current school year.

A collectively attributed SLO measure

> School- or program-wide

- **School- or program-wide results**:scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students in a school or programwho take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **School- or program-wide group or team results**: scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' coursesin the current school year.
- **School- or program-wide linked results**: scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students enrolled in the teacher's course in the current school year taking assessments in other grades/subjects.

> District- or BOCES-wide

- **District- or BOCES-wide results**:scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students across buildings/programs in an LEAwho take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **District- or BOCES-wide group or team results**: scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' courses across buildings/programs in an LEAin the current school year.

Please choose the option that best describes grade six in your LEA.

☑ Departmentalized - all core subjects use the same measure and assessment(s)

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Grade Six (Departmentalized) Measure and Assessment(s)

Grade six departmentalized with uniform measure and assessment(s) across core subjects

Grade 6: Measure Type

District- or BOCES-wide

Grade 6: District- or BOCES-Wide Measure

District- or BOCES-wide results

Grade 6: Assessment Type(s)

- ☑ State or Regents assessment(s)

Grade 6: State or Regents Assessment(s)

- ☑ ELA Regents
- ☑ Algebra I Regents
- ☑ Living Environment Regents
- ☑ Global History Regents
- ☑ US History Regents

Grade Seven

Please identify below whether grade seven instruction is common branch or departmentalized; indicate which of the three available measure types will be used for grade seven teachers; and then choose the specific measure, corresponding assessment type(s), and applicable assessment(s).

An individually attributed SLO measure

> Teacher and course-specific

- **Teacher and course-specific results**:scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students in the teacher's course in the current school year.

A collectively attributed SLO measure

> School- or program-wide

- **School- or program-wide results**:scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students in a school or programwho take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **School- or program-wide group or team results**: scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' coursesin the current school year.
- **School- or program-wide linked results**: scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students enrolled in the teacher's course in the current school year taking assessments in other grades/subjects.

> District- or BOCES-wide

- **District- or BOCES-wide results**:scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students across buildings/programs in an LEAwho take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **District- or BOCES-wide group or team results**: scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' courses across buildings/programs in an LEAin the current school year.

Please choose the option that best describes grade seven in your LEA.

☑ Departmentalized - all core subjects use the same measure and assessment(s)

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Grade Eight Measures and Assessments

Please identify below whether grade eight instruction is common branch or departmentalized; indicate which of the three available measure types will be used for grade eight teachers; and then choose the specific measure, corresponding assessment type(s), and applicable assessment(s).

An individually attributed SLO measure

> Teacher and course-specific

- **Teacher and course-specific results**:scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students in the teacher's course in the current school year.

A collectively attributed SLO measure

> School- or program-wide

- **School- or program-wide results**:scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students in a school or programwho take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **School- or program-wide group or team results**: scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' coursesin the current school year.
- **School- or program-wide linked results**: scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students enrolled in the teacher's course in the current school year taking assessments in other grades/subjects.

> District- or BOCES-wide

- **District- or BOCES-wide results**:scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students across buildings/programs in an LEAwho take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **District- or BOCES-wide group or team results**: scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' courses across buildings/programs in an LEAin the current school year.

Please choose the option that best describes grade eight in your LEA.

☑ Departmentalized - all core subjects use the same measure and assessment(s)

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Grade Eight (Departmentalized) Measure and Assessment(s)

Grade eight departmentalized with uniform measure and assessment(s) across core subjects

Grade 8: Measure Type

District- or BOCES-wide

Grade 8: District- or BOCES-Wide Measure

District- or BOCES-wide results

Grade Eight: Assessment Type(s)

- ☑ State or Regents assessment(s)

Grade Eight: State or Regents Assessment(s)

- ☑ ELA Regents
- ☑ Algebra I Regents
- ☑ Living Environment Regents
- ☑ Global History Regents
- ☑ US History Regents

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High School English Language Arts

Note: Additional high school English courses may be included in the "Other Courses" section.

Please identify below whether all high school ELA teachers use the same type of measure and assessment(s) or if the measures and assessments vary by grade level; indicate which of the three available measure types will be used for high school ELA teachers; and then choose the specific measure, corresponding assessment type(s), and applicable assessment(s).

An individually attributed SLO measure

> Teacher and course-specific

- **Teacher and course-specific results**:scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students in the teacher's course in the current school year.

A collectively attributed SLO measure

> School- or program-wide

- **School- or program-wide results**:scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students in a school or programwho take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
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- **School- or program-wide linked results**: scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students enrolled in the teacher's course in the current school year taking assessments in other grades/subjects.

> District- or BOCES-wide

- **District- or BOCES-wide results**:scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students across buildings/programs in an LEAwho take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **District- or BOCES-wide group or team results**: scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' courses across buildings/programs in an LEAin the current school year.

Please indicate whether grades 9 through 12 ELA teachers use the same type of measure and assessment(s) or if the measures and assessments vary by grade level.

☑ All high school ELA teachers use the same type of measure and assessment(s)

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High School Regents Science

Note: Additional high school science courses may be included in the "Other Courses" section.

Please identify below whether all high school Regents science teachers use the same type of measure and assessment(s) or if the measures and assessments vary by course; indicate which of the t0.5 -3 Td (High School92)Tj2l srsesblesment(s240ass will 23surd ege nce teachers

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High School Regents Science (All Courses) Measure and Assessment(s)

High School Regents Science: Measure

District- or BOCES-wide

High School Regents Science: District- or BOCES-Wide Measure

District- or BOCES-wide results

High School Regents Science: Assessment Type(s)

- ☑ State or Regents assessment(s)

High School Regents Science: State or Regents Assessment(s)

- ☑ ELA Regents
- ☑ Algebra I Regents
- ☑ Living Environment Regents
- ☑ Global History Regents
- ☑ US History Regents

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High School Regents Social Studies: Measures and Assessments

Note: Additional high school social studies courses may be included in the "Other Courses" section.

Please identify below whether all high school Regents social studies teachers use the same type of measure and assessment(s) or if the measures and assessments vary by course; indicate which of the three available measure types will be used for high school Regents social studies teachers; and then choose the specific measure, corresponding assessment type(s), and applicable assessment(s).

An individually attributed SLO measure

> Teacher and course-specific

- **Teacher and course-specific results**:scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students in the teacher's course in the current school year.

A collectively attributed SLO measure

> School- or program-wide

- **School- or program-wide results**:scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students in a school or programwho take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
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- **School- or program-wide linked results**: scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students enrolled in the teacher's course in the current school year taking assessments in other grades/subjects.

> District- or BOCES-wide

- **District- or BOCES-wide results**:scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students across buildings/programs in an LEAwho take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **District- or BOCES-wide group or team results**: scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' courses across buildings/programs in an LEAin the current school year.

Please indicate whether high school Regents social studies teachers use the same measure or assessment(s) or if the measures and assessments vary by grade level.

☑ All high school Regents social studies teachers use the same type of measure and assessment(s)

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High School Regents Social Studies (All Courses) Measure and Assessment(s)

High School Regents Social Studies: Measure Type

District- or BOCES-wide

High School Regents Social Studies: District- or BOCES-Wide Measure

District- or BOCES-wide results

High School Regents Social Studies: Assessment Type(s)

- ☑ State or Regents assessment(s)

High School Regents Social Studies: State or Regents Assessment(s)

- ☑ ELA Regents
- ☑ Algebra I Regents
- ☑ Living Environment Regents
- ☑ Global History Regents
- ☑ US History Regents

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Grade From	**Grade To**	**Subject**	Measure	State or Regents Assessment(s)	Locally-developed Course-Specific Assessment(s)	Third Party Assessment(s)
K	12	All courses not named above	District-or BOCES-wide results	☑ ELA Regents ☑ Algebra I Regents ☑ Living Environment Regents ☑ Global History Regents ☑ US History Regents		

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Task 4. TEACHERS: Observations - Rubric and Scoring

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Please check each of the boxes below.

☑ Assure that each set of observations (by supervisor/other trained administrator, independent, or peer) will be completed using the selected practice rubric, producing an overall score between 1 and 4. The overall weighted observation score will then be converted into a HEDI rating

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Please choose 0.00 as the minimum value and select a maximum value between 1.49 and 1.74 for the Ineffective range.

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Ineffective:	0.00	1.49

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Teacher Observation Subcomponent Weighting

Required Subcomponent 1: Observations by Principal(s) or Other Trained Administrators
- At least 80% of the Teacher Observation category score

Required Subcomponent 2: Observations by Impartial Independent Trained Evaluator(s)*
- At least 10%, but no more than 20%, of the Teacher Observation category score

Optional Subcomponent: Observations by Trained Peer Observer(s)
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TEACHERS *Indicate whether the number and method selected applies to all teachers or to a subgroup of teachers.*	**SUBGROUP** *If "Subgroup of Teachers" is selected in the previous column, indicate which teachers the number and method selected applies to; otherwise, enter "N/A." For additional subgroups, add another row.*	**UNANNOUNCED Minimum Number of Observations**	**UNANNOUNCED Observation Method**	**ANNOUNCED Minimum Number of Observations**	**ANNOUNCED Observation Method**
Subgroup of Teachers	Tenured Teachers	1	Live	1	Live
Subgroup of Teachers	Probationary Teachers	2	Live	1	Live

Required Subcomponent 2: Observations by Impartial Independent Trained Evaluator(s)*

At least one observation must be conducted by impartial independent trained evaluator(s) and at least one of the required observations must be unannounced (across both required subcomponents).

- Impartial independent trained evaluators are trained and selected by the LEA.
- They may be employed within the LEA, but may not be assigned to the same school building as the teacher being evaluated. This could include other administrators, department chairs, or peers (e.g., teacher leaders on career ladder pathways), so long as they are not from the same building (defined as same BEDS code) as the teacher being evaluated.
- LEAs may locally determine whether to use more than one observation by impartial independent trained evaluator(s).
- The frequency and duration of observations are locally determined.
- Observations may occur in person or by live or recorded video, as determined locally.

** If the LEA is granted an annual Rural/Single Building Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver by the Department, this subcomponent will be satisfied through the use of one or more evaluators selected and trained by the LEA, who are different than the evaluator(s) who conducted the observation(s) required to be performed by the principal/supervisor or other trained administrator. If the LEA is granted an annual Undue Burden Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver by the Department, this subcomponent will be satisfied through the processes described in that application.*

Indicate the minimum number of unannounced and announced observations by impartial independent trained evaluator(s), as well as the method of observation, in the table below.

TEACHERS *Indicate whether the number and method selected applies to all teachers or to a subgroup of teachers.*	**SUBGROUP** *If "Subgroup of Teachers" is selected in the previous column, indicate which teachers the number and method selected applies to; otherwise, enter "N/A." For additional subgroups, add another row.*	**UNANNOUNCED Minimum Number of Observations**	**UNANNOUNCED Observation Method**	**ANNOUNCED Minimum Number of Observations**	**ANNOUNCED Observation Method**
Subgroup of Teachers	Tenured Teachers	1	Live	N/A	N/A
Subgroup of Teachers	Probationary Teachers	1	Live	N/A	N/A

Independent Evaluator Assurances

Please check all of the boxes below.

- ☑ Assure that independent evaluator(s) are not employed in the same school building, as defined by BEDS code, as the teacher(s) they are evaluating.
- ☑ Assure that independent evaluator(s) will be trained and selected by the LEA.

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Please also check each of the following boxes.

- ☑ Assure that if the LEA is granted an annual Rural/Single Building District Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver by the Department, the terms of such waiver shall apply for the school year during which the waiver is effective; and, that in any school year for which there is an approved waiver, the second observation(s) shall be conducted by one or more evaluators selected and trained by the LEA, who are different than the evaluator(s) who conducted the observation(s) required to be performed by the principal/supervisor or other trained administrator. See Section 30-3.4(c)(1)(ii)(a) of the Rules of the Board of Regents.
- ☑ Assure that if the LEA is granted an annual Undue Burden Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver by the Department, the terms of such waiver shall apply for the school year during which the waiver is effective; and, that in any school year for which there is an approved waiver and such waiver contains information that conflicts with the information provided in Task 4 of the LEA's approved Section 3012-d APPR plan, the provisions of the approved waiver will apply. See Section 30-3.4(c)(1)(ii)(b) of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

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Optional Subcomponent: Observations by Trained Peer Observer(s)

If selected, at least one observation must be conducted by trained peer observer(s).

- Peer teachers are trained and selected by the LEA.
- Trained peer teachers must have received an overall rating of Effective or Highly Effective in the prior school year.
- Observations may occur in person or by live or recorded video, as determined locally.

Indicate the minimum number of unannounced and announced observations by trained peer observer(s), as well as the method of observation, in the table below.
If the optional subcomponent will not be used, please indicate "N/A" for the minimum number and "N/A" for the observation method for both unannounced and announced observations for "All Teachers."

TEACHERS *Indicate whether the number and method selected applies to all teachers or to a subgroup of teachers.*	**SUBGROUP** *If "Subgroup of Teachers" is selected in the previous column, indicate which teachers the number and method selected applies to; otherwise, enter "N/A." For additional subgroups, add another row.*	**UNANNOUNCED Minimum Number of Observations**	**UNANNOUNCED Observation Method**	**ANNOUNCED Minimum Number of Observations**	**ANNOUNCED Observation Method**
All Teachers (enter 'N/A' in the next column)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Peer Observation Assurances

Please check all of the boxes below.

- ☑ Assure that peer observers, as applicable, will be trained and selected by the LEA.
- ☑ Assure that, if observations are being conducted by trained peer observers, these teachers received an overall rating of Effective or Highly Effective in the previous school year.

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Category and Overall Ratings

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Additional Requirements

For more information on the additional requirements for teachers, see NYSED APPR Guidance.

Teacher Improvement Plan Assurances

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Training Assurance

Please check the box below.

☑ The LEA assures that all evaluators will be properly trained and lead evaluators will be certified on the below elements prior to completing a teacher's evaluation. Note: independent observers and peer observers need only be trained on elements 1, 2, and 4 below.

Training of Lead Evaluators, Evaluators, Independent Observers, and Peer Observers and Certification of Lead Evaluators

The process for training evaluators, including impartial and independent observers and peer observers, and certifying and re-certifying lead evaluators must include:

1) the process for training lead evaluators and evaluators, including impartial independent observers and peer observers;
2) the process for the certification and re-certification of lead evaluators;
3) the process for ensuring inter-rater reliability; and
4) the nature (content) and the approximate duration (how many hours, days) of such training.

Describe the process for training evaluators, including impartial and independent observers and peer observers, and certifying and re-certifying lead evaluators.

All evaluators (lead evaluators, evaluators, and independent evaluators) are trained through OCM BOCES. Lead evaluators are certified, or recertified, annually by the Board of Education, upon documentation of completion of proper lead evaluator/evaluator training offered through OCM BOCES. This training or re-training is nine (9) hours in duration, and includes training activities to enable participants to have a high degree of inter-rater reliability. The nine elements to be addressed are:
(1) The New York State Teaching Standards, and their related elements and performance indicators

(2) Evidence-based observation techniques that are grounded in research

(3) Application and use of any methodology as part of an SLO and any optional second measures of student performance used by the LEA to evaluate its teachers

(4) Application and use of the State-approved teacher rubric(s) selected by the LEA for use in evaluations, including training on the effective application of such rubrics to observe a teacher’s practice

(5) Application and use of any assessment tools that the LEA utilizes to evaluate its classroom teachers

(6) Application and use of any locally selected measures of student growth used in the Optional subcomponent of the Student Performance category used by the LEA to evaluate its teachers

(7) Use of the Statewide Instructional Reporting System

(8) The scoring methodology utilized by the Department and/or the LEA to evaluate a teacher under this Subpart, including the weightings of each subcomponent within a category; how overall scores/ratings are generated for each subcomponent and category and application and use of the evaluation matrix(es) prescribed by the Commissioner for the four designated rating categories used for the teacher's overall rating and their category ratings

(9) Specific considerations in evaluating teachers of English language learners and students with disabilities

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Required Student Performance Subcomponent

For guidance on the Required subcomponent of the Student Performance category, see NYSED APPR Guidance.

100% of the Student Performance category if only the Required subcomponent is used or locally determined if the Optional subcomponent is selected.

Required Student Performance Measures

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- adescription of the areas of principal practice that will be evaluated;
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Use of the Optional Subcomponent and Student Performance Category Weighting

- If the Optional subcomponent is not used, the Required subcomponent will comprise 100% of the Student Performance category.
- If the Optional subcomponent is used, the percentage of Student Performance category attributed to the Required subcomponent willbe locally determined.

Please indicate if the Optional subcomponent will be used by making the appropriate selection below.

NO, the Optional subcomponent WILL NOT be used; the Required subcomponent will comprise 100% of the Student Performance category.

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Principal School Visit Category

For guidance on the Principal School Visit category, see NYSED APPR Guidance.

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HEDI Ranges

Using the dropdown menus below, please indicate the locally-determined rubric scoring ranges based on the constraints prescribed by the Commissioner in Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents for each of the rating categories.

Please select a minimum value between 3.50 and 3.75 and choose 4.00 as the maximum value for the Highly Effective range.

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Highly Effective:	3.50	4.00

Please select a minimum value between 2.50 and 2.75 and a maximum value between 3.49 and 3.74 for the Effective range.

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Effective:	2.50	3.49

Please select a minimum value between 1.50 and 1.75 and a maximum value between 2.49 and 2.74 for the Developing range.

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Developing:	1.50	2.49

Please choose 0.00 as the minimum value and select a maximum value between 1.49 and 1.74 for the Ineffective range.

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Ineffective:	0.00	1.49

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PRINCIPALS *Indicate whether the number and method selected applies to all principals or to a subgroup of principals.*	**SUBGROUP** *If "Subgroup of Principals" is selected in the previous column, indicate which principals the number and method selected applies to; otherwise, enter "N/A." For additional subgroups, add another row.*	**UNANNOUNCED Minimum Number of School Visits**	**ANNOUNCED Minimum Number of School Visits**
All Principals (enter 'N/A' in the next column)	N/A	1	1

Required Subcomponent 2: School Visits by Impartial Independent Trained Evaluator(s)*

At least one school visit must be conducted by impartial independent trained evaluator(s) and at least one of the required school visits must be unannounced (across both required subcomponents).

- Impartial independent trained evaluators are trained and selected by the LEA.
- They may be employed within the LEA but may not be assigned to the same school building as the principal being evaluated. This could include other administrators, department chairs/directors, or peers, so long as they are not from the same building (defined as same BEDS code) as the principal being evaluated.
- LEAs may locally determine whether to use more than one school visit by impartial independent trained evaluator(s).
- The frequency and duration of school visits are locally determined.
- School visits may not occur by live or recorded video.

** If the LEA is granted an annual Rural/Single Building District Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver by the Department, this subcomponent will be satisfied through the use of one or more evaluators selected and trained by the LEA, who are different than the evaluator(s) who conducted the school visit(s) required to be performed by the Superintendent/supervisor or their designee. If the LEA is granted an annual Undue Burden Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver by the Department, this subcomponent will be satisfied through the processes described in that application.*

Indicate the minimum number of unannounced and announced school visits by impartial independent trained evaluator(s) in the table below.

PRINCIPALS *Indicate whether the number and method selected applies to all principals or to a subgroup of principals.*	**SUBGROUP** *If "Subgroup of Principals" is selected in the previous column, indicate which principals the number and method selected applies to; otherwise, enter "N/A." For additional subgroups, add another row.*	**UNANNOUNCED Minimum Number of School Visits**	**ANNOUNCED Minimum Number of School Visits**
All Principals (enter 'N/A' in the next column)	N/A	1	0

Independent Evaluator Assurances

Please check all of the boxes below.

- ☑ Assure that independent evaluator(s) are not employed in the same school building, as defined by BEDS code, as the principal(s) they are evaluating.
- ☑ Assure that independent evaluator(s) will be trained and selected by the LEA.

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Optional Subcomponent: School Visits by Trained Peer Principal(s)

If selected, at least one school visit must be conducted by trained peer principal(s).

- Peer principals are trained and selected by the LEA.
- Trained peer principals must have received an overall rating of Effective or Highly Effective in the prior school year.
- School visits may not occur by live or recorded video.

Indicate the minimum number of unannounced and announced school visits by trained peer principal(s) in the table below.

If the optional subcomponent will not be used, please indicate "N/A" for the minimum number for both unannounced and announced school visits for "All Principals."

PRINCIPALS *Indicate whether the number and method selected applies to all principals or to a subgroup of principals.*			

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Additional Requirements

For guidance on additional requirements for principals, see NYSED APPR Guidance.

Principal Improvement Plan Assurances

Please check each of the boxes below.

- ☑ Assure that the LEA will formulate and commence implementation of a Principal Improvement Plan (PIP) for all principals who receive an overall rating of Developing or Ineffective by October 1 following the school year for which such principal's performance is being measured or as soon as practicable thereafter.
- ☑ Assure that PIP plans developed and implemented by the superintendent or his/her designee, in the exercise of their pedagogical judgment, and subject to collective bargaining to the extent required under article 14 of the Civil Service Law, shall include: identification of needed areas of improvement, a timeline for achieving improvement, the manner in which the improvement will be assessed, and, where appropriate, differentiated activities to support a principal's improvement in those areas.

Principal Improvement Plan Forms

All PIP plans developed and implemented by the superintendent or his/her designee, in the exercise of his/her pedagogical judgment, must include:

1) identification of needed areas of improvement;
2) a timeline for achieving improvement;

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Describe the procedure for ensuring that appeals of annual performance evaluations will be resolved in a timely and expeditious manner.

Appeals of annual professional performance reviews shall be limited to those that rate a principal as Ineffective or Developing only.
The scope of appeals under Education law 3012-d shall be limited to the following subjects:
1. The school district's adherence to the standards and methodologies required for such reviews, pursuant to Education Law 3012-d;
2. The adherence to the Commissioner's regulations, as applicable to such review;
3. Compliance with any applicable locally negotiated procedures applicable to annual professional performance reviews or improvement plans; and
4. The school district's issuance and/or implementation of the terms of the principal improvement plan under Education law 3012-d.
5. The substance of the annual professional performance review; which shall include the following: (i) in the instance of a principal rated Ineffective on the Student Performance category, but rated Highly Effective on the Observation category based on an anomaly, as determined locally.
The following procedure is the exclusive means for initiating, reviewing and resolving any and all challenges and appeals related to a principal's performance review, and/or improvement plan. A principal who receives an effectiveness rating of "ineffective" or "developing" may appeal his or her performance review. Ratings of "highly effective" or "effective" cannot be appealed. A principal may not file multiple appeals regarding the same performance review. All grounds for appealing a particular performance review must be raised within the same appeal. Any grounds not raised at the time the appeal is filed shall be deemed waived.

Level 1: Appeal to Lead Evaluator

A member may appeal the annual evaluation to the appropriate Lead Evaluator within twenty (20) school days of its receipt. The appeal shall be in writing and shall articulate in detail the basis of the appeal. The Lead Evaluator shall hold an informal conference with the appealing member and render a written determination in response within ten (10) school days of receipt of the appeal. The response shall include a detailed explanation of the rationale.

Second Consecutive Rating of Ineffective

In the event that the appeal is for a second consecutive ineffective rating the administrator shall follow level 1 of the appeals process. In addition, within ten (10) school days of the Level 1 decision, if the issues are not resolved the member may appeal to Level 2. For all other appeals, the Level 1 decision is final and binding.

Level 2: Appeal to Third Party

1. The appeal to Level 2 shall be made to a mutually acceptable arbitrator competent in the area of the appeal within ten (10) days of the Level 1 decision. If the parties are unable to agree upon an arbitrator or to obtain such an arbitrator's commitment to serve, a request for a list of arbitrators will be made to the American Arbitration Association by either party. The parties will then be bound by the rules and procedures of the American Arbitration Association in the selection of said arbitrator.
2. The hearing before the arbitrator shall commence at the earliest convience of the arbitrator; however, the hearing will be held in a timely and expeditious manner. The arbitrator may issue a modification of the rating, along with his/her rationale for the same. The arbitrator's decision shall be rendered within ten (10) days of completion of the hearing. This process will be timely and expeditious in accordance with Education Law 3012-d. The cost of the arbitrator's services shall be shared evenly by the Association and the District. The decision at level 2 shall be binding and final.

Principal Improvement Plans

The process outlined above will also be used for any and all appeals of Principal Improvement Plans that are issued in accordance with the annual professional performance review plan. Appeals related to the issuance or implementation of an improvement plan are limited to issues regarding compliance with the requirements prescribed in applicable law and regulations for the implementation of improvement plans, and must be initiated within fifteen (15) days of the alleged failure of the District to comply with such requirements.

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Upload APPR LEA Certification Form

Please Note: SED Monitoring timestamps each revision and signatures cannot be dated earlier than the last revision. To ensure the accuracy of the timestamp on each task, please submit from Task 12 only.

Please obtain the required signatures, create a PDF file, and upload your joint certification of the APPR Plan using the "LEA Certification Form" found in the "Documents" menu on the left side of the page.

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11.2 APPR Principal Improvement Plan

Name of Principal: _____

School Building: _____ Academic Year: _____

Deficiency that promulgated the "ineffective" or "developing" performance rating:

Improvement Goal/Outcome:

Action Steps/Activities:

Timeline for completion:

Required resources and accessible resources, including requests for provision:

Dates of formative evaluation on progress (lead evaluator and principal must each have one):

December:

March:

Other:

Evidence to be provided for Goal Achievement:

Assessment Summary: Should intend is to attach a narrative summary of improvement progress, including verification of the provision of support and resources as listed above, no later than 10 days after the identified completion summary shall be signed by the [illegible]

LEA CERTIFICATION FORM: Please download, complete and upload this form to complete the submission of your Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) Plan.

By signing this document, the LEA and its collective bargaining agent(s) certify that the APPR plan submitted to the Commissioner for approval constitutes the school LEA's complete APPR plan, that all provisions required to be negotiated have been resolved pursuant to the provisions of Article 14 of the Civil Service Law, and that such plan complies with the requirements of Education Law §3012-c as amended by the Laws of 2015 and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, and has been adopted by the governing body of the LEA.

The LEA and its collective bargaining agent(s), where applicable, also certify, upon information and belief, that all assurances made herein are true and accurate and that any existing collective bargaining arrangements or teacher or principal appeals are consistent with and/or have been amended and/or modified or otherwise resolved to the extent required by Article 14 of the Civil Service Law, as necessary to require that all classroom teachers and building principals will be evaluated using the APPR plan submitted to the Commissioner for approval.

The LEA and its collective bargaining agent(s), where applicable, also certify that this APPR Plan is the LEA's complete APPR Plan and that such plan will be fully implemented, including, but not limited to, timely negotiation of collective bargaining agreements or memoranda of understanding, or any other agreements in any form that prevent, restrict, or interfere with full implementation of the APPR plan, and that no material changes will be made to the Plan unless otherwise agreed to by the Commissioner or unless accepted with the approval of the Commissioner in accordance with Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

The school district and its collective bargaining agent(s), where applicable, also acknowledge that if approval of this APPR Plan is rejected or rescinded for any reason, any State aid increases received as a result of the Commissioner's approval of this APPR Plan may be withheld or forfeited by the State pursuant to Education Law §3012-c(11)(c).

The LEA and its collective bargaining agent(s), where applicable, also make the following specific certifications with respect to their APPR Plan:

- Assure that the overall APPR rating will be used as a significant factor in employment decisions, including but not limited to: tenure determinations and termination of probationary classroom teachers and principals;
- Assure that the overall APPR will be developed for each classroom teacher and building principal no later than September 1 of the school year following the year in which the classroom teacher or building principal's performance is being measured;
- Assure that each classroom teacher and building principal will be provided with his or her score and rating for each applicable category, if available, and for the Teacher Observation category or Principal Supervisory Category, or a teacher's or principal's APPR, in writing, no later than the last day of the school year for which the teacher or principal is being observed, but in no case later than September 1 of the school year following the year in which the teacher's or principal's performance is measured;
- Assure that the APPR Plan will be filed with the LEA's governing body and made available to the public on the LEA's website no later than September 10th of each school year or within 10 days after the plan's approval by the Commissioner, whichever shall later occur;
- Assure that complete and accurate teacher and student data will be provided to the Commissioner in a format and timeline prescribed by the Commissioner;
- Assure that the LEA will continue to report to the State individual student growth scores and the overall rating of each classroom teacher and building principal in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner;
- Assure that the LEA provides an opportunity for every classroom teacher and building principal to review the students and student rosters assigned to them;
- Assure that teachers and principals will receive timely and constructive feedback as part of the evaluation process;
- Assure that any training course for lead evaluator certification addresses each of the requirements in the regulations, including specific considerations in evaluating teachers and principals of English language learners and students with disabilities;
- Assure that any teacher or principal who receives an Overall Rating of Developing or Ineffective, or, beginning with the 2015-16 school year, will receive a Teacher Improvement Plan or Principal Improvement Plan, in accordance with all applicable statues and regulations, by October 1st of the school year following the year in which such teacher's or principal's performance was measured or as soon as practicable thereafter.
- Assure that such improvement plan shall be developed by the superintendent or his/her designee with the exercise of their pedagogical judgment, and shall not be subject to collective bargaining or to the extent required under Article 14 of the Civil Service Law;
- Assure that all evaluators and lead evaluators, including independent evaluators and peer evaluators, will be properly trained and that lead evaluators will provide oversight and certification as necessary in accordance with all applicable statutes and regulations;
- Assure that the LEA has collectively bargained appeal procedures that are consistent with the statute and regulations and provide for the timely and expeditious resolution of any appeals by the LEA;
- Assure that, for teachers, all observable NYS Teaching Standards/Domains of the selected practice rubric are assessed at least once a year across the total number of annual observations and, for principals, all observable ISLLC 2008 Leadership Standards/Domains of the selected practice rubric are assessed at least once a year across the total number of annual school

visits;

- Assure that it is possible for a teacher to receive a composite effectiveness score of highly effective if the teacher receives the highest rating on each subcomponent and that the LEA shall ensure that the process by which weights are assigned to each subcomponent and each category is transparent and available to those being rated before the beginning of each school year;
- Assure that the same measures of student performance used across all classrooms in the same similar building configurations/programs, for principals, in the LEA will be used in a consistent manner to the extent practicable;
- Assure that all growth targets represent
- Assure that any material changes to this APPR Plan [illegible] 1 of each school year;
- Assure that the LEA will provide the Department with any information necessary to conduct Subpart 30-3 of the
- Assure that the amount of time devoted to traditional standardized assessments that are not specifically required by State or Federal [illegible] required annual instructional hours for such classroom or program for the grade; and
- Assure that the amount of time devoted to test preparation under standardized testing conditions for each grade shall not exceed, in the aggregate, two percent of the minimum required annual [illegible] teaching [illegible] towards the limits established by this subdivision. In addition, no [illegible] towards the limits established by this subdivision and nothing in this subdivision shall [illegible] requirements of a section 504 plan or [illegible] qualified student with a disability or federal law relating to English language learners or the [illegible]

Signatures and dates

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Jeremy Belfield 10/25/2021

Superintendent Name (print):

Jeremy Belfield

Teachers Union President Signature: Date:

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Anne [illegible]

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Board of Education President Signature: Date:

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