



NYSED Regionalization Initiative Information

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Good afternoon POB School Community,

There have been social media postings shared across Long Island with information about a recent NYS Education Department (NYSED) initiative, Regionalization. Like many of you, the word regionalization in education immediately connotes combining school districts. I want to assure you there are no plans to combine POB Schools with other school districts. I am writing to share information about this initiative as it has been explained to NYS Superintendents.

The NYSED Regionalization Initiative ([link to NYSED webpage](#)) seeks to understand the various areas of opportunities districts offer to their students, including academics, extra-curricular activities, technology, and support services. This information will be used to identify districts/regions where inequities exist to inform a plan to support all students in New York State. This initiative is not an attempt to divert local funds and resources to other districts, rather, it seeks to create plans that support districts within a region to maximize opportunities for its students.

As of today, districts have only been asked to complete a survey with information that is easily accessible such as student achievement, course offerings, budget, transportation, and facilities. Most of this information is accessed through the [NYSED School Report Card](#), while course offerings are public on the POB School District's website.

Nassau BOCES is involved in this initiative because it can bring districts together to facilitate collaborative efforts across Nassau County.

As with other POB and NYSED initiatives, your questions are valued, and we are committed to providing timely responses. Please use the form below to submit questions and/or concerns. The District will post an FAQ early next week. We will discuss potential informational meetings with the POB PTA to provide additional information when it becomes available.

[Regionalization Questions/Concerns](#)

Thank you.

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