Bilingual/ENL Coordinators' Networking Meeting

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Agenda

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I. Welcome/Introductions
II. Sponsor Presentation: HMH
III. Director's Update: Christa Stevenson
IV. Guest Speaker: Loretta Corbisiero, ESBOCES
V. Brief Break
VI. Guest Speaker: Denise Hannaoui, Stony Brook University
VII. Closing Remarks: Long Island RBERN Evaluation Reminder

The Long Island Regional Bilingual Education Resource Network would like to thank our sponsor

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for providing breakfast for today's meeting.

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Guest Speaker: Loretta Corbisiero-Drakos



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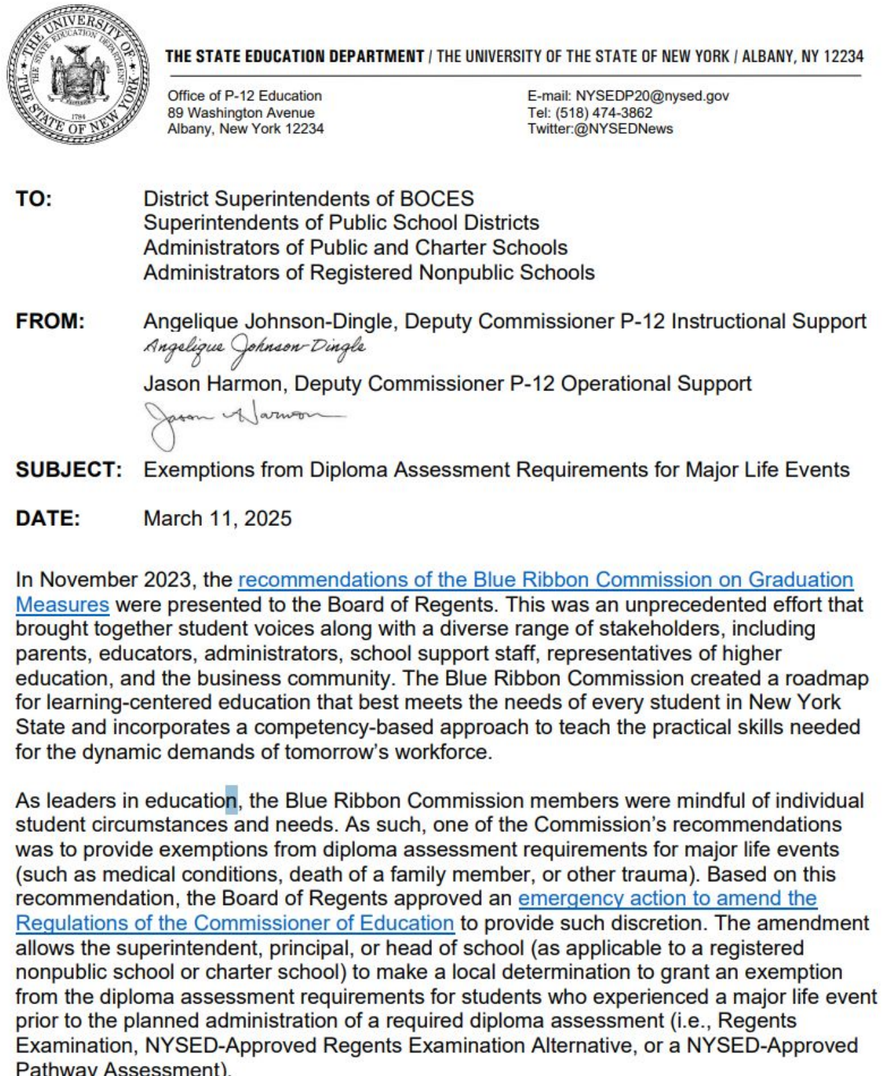


Break

5 minutes

Executive Director's Update

Exemptions from Diploma Assessment Requirements for Major Life Events



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FROM: Angelique Johnson-Dingle, Deputy Commissioner P-12 Instructional Support
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SUBJECT: Exemptions from Diploma Assessment Requirements for Major Life Events

DATE: March 11, 2025

In November 2023, the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Graduation Measures were presented to the Board of Regents. This was an unprecedented effort that brought together student voices along with a diverse range of stakeholders, including parents, educators, administrators, school support staff, representatives of higher education, and the business community. The Blue Ribbon Commission created a roadmap for learning-centered education that best meets the needs of every student in New York State and incorporates a competency-based approach to teach the practical skills needed for the dynamic demands of tomorrow's workforce.

As leaders in education, the Blue Ribbon Commission members were mindful of individual student circumstances and needs. As such, one of the Commission's recommendations was to provide exemptions from diploma assessment requirements for major life events (such as medical conditions, death of a family member, or other trauma). Based on this recommendation, the Board of Regents approved an emergency action to amend the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education to provide such discretion. The amendment allows the superintendent, principal, or head of school (as applicable to a registered nonpublic school or charter school) to make a local determination to grant an exemption from the diploma assessment requirements for students who experienced a major life event prior to the planned administration of a required diploma assessment (i.e., Regents Examination, NYSED-Approved Regents Examination Alternative, or a NYSED-Approved Pathway Assessment).

Memo:
https://www.nysed.gov/sites/default/files/standards-instruction/memo/mle-exemptions-memo.pdf

FAQ: Choose "Assessment Exemptions"
https://www.nysed.gov/standards-instruction/frequently-asked-questions-about-nys-graduation-requirements

Sample Form:
https://www.nysed.gov/sites/default/files/exemptionmajorlifeeventsampleform.pdf

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Guest Speaker: Denise Hannaoui



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