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MEMORANDUM

To: Superintendent Patricia Sullivan-Kriss, HAUPPAUGE UFSD
From: Dr. Julia Rafal-Baer, Assistant Commissioner
Date: 06/15/2014
Re: Assessment Administration in Conjunction with Annual Professional Performance Reviews (APPRs)

The Department recognizes that during the first year of full implementation of Annual Professional Performance Reviews (APPR), a variety of pressures at the state and local level may have resulted in students in some districts and BOCES being tested more than needed or in rote standardized test preparation that crowds out quality instruction. Numerous stakeholders, including – and most importantly – families and students, have raised concerns as a result of these local decisions.

The State has not created any additional tests as part of the implementation of the Common Core. All required state tests other than two high school social studies Regents exams – including all grades 3-8 assessments and high school exams in English, math, and science – are required by federal law. On February 11, 2014, the Board of Regents adopted emergency regulations to address the concerns raised by stakeholders and to adjust and improve the implementation of the Common Core standards and teacher/principal evaluation. The approved regulatory amendments to the APPR system are intended to help districts and BOCES reduce local testing and ensure that the amount of testing is the minimum necessary to inform effective decision-making. At its March 2014 meeting, the Board of Regents made a series of technical amendments to the regulations to clarify the requirements for districts and BOCES that opt to use an assessment that is not a traditional standardized assessment for grades K-2 for APPR purposes. The Department has developed a webpage with multiple resources in order to help districts and BOCES successfully navigate the regulatory amendments and efficiently access relevant material: <http://www.engageny.org/resource/guidance-on-the-approved-regulatory-amendments-to-appr-to-help-reduce-local-testing>.

Based on the concerns conveyed to the Commissioner surrounding the use of assessments, and in accordance with Section 1 of Subpart F of Chapter 56 of the laws of 2014, the Commissioner has directed the Office of Teacher and Leader Effectiveness to review your APPR plan to identify opportunities for you to act locally to ensure that your district is using the minimum assessments necessary to inform effective decision making, consistent with your instructional vision. As you are now in the second full year of APPR implementation, the Department encourages you to use this letter to help review your currently approved APPR plan to identify modifications that would be approvable by the Department and result in less testing for your students. As you know, the Department has consistently communicated that **the amount of testing should be the minimum necessary** to inform effective decision-making at the classroom, school, and district/BOCES level.

The Department has developed guidance and technical support materials regarding the role of assessments within the APPR system. These materials include methods to eliminate, where consistent with the district's or BOCES' instructional vision, the use of pre-tests and other locally-adopted standardized tests. In lieu of pre-tests, districts and BOCES can use past performance trends, historical data and/or prior-year test results to establish targets for determining student learning growth. Additionally, locally-adopted standardized tests can be replaced with state assessments, school-wide growth measures, or performance-based assessments. Education Law §3012-c provides you with design flexibility. The Department encourages you and your local bargaining units to use the available resources to ensure that thoughtful conversation occurs, and strategic decisions are made, regarding the use of student assessments. *Teaching, not testing, is the core of our work.* There are an assortment of ways in which a district or BOCES can design a meaningful and authentic assessment program that provides information to drive instructional decisions, ultimately leading to an increase in students' knowledge and skills. By taking the time to re-review your local assessment practices, you can engage in collaborative conversations with your local stakeholders about ways in which you might choose to use data and/or evidence more effectively and efficiently to ensure that all local tests help inform instruction and improve student learning, rather than needlessly add to the number of assessments administered within your district.

To help further facilitate these conversations on the local level, the Office of Teacher and Leader Effectiveness has reviewed your APPR plan and determined that there are a number of ways in which, through a material change request, you could make thoughtful adjustments consistent with your district's instructional vision to your currently approved APPR plan to reduce and/or refine assessments used, subject to collective bargaining decisions¹.

Teaching, not testing, is the core of the Regents Reform Agenda.

¹ Please note: material changes for the 2014-15 school year must be submitted by March 1, 2015 (see: [APPR Guidance: C8](http://www.engageny.org/sites/default/files/resource/attachments/appr-field-guidance.pdf) <http://www.engageny.org/sites/default/files/resource/attachments/appr-field-guidance.pdf>). For districts or BOCES that want to make a material change to their APPR plan solely to eliminate unnecessary student assessments, the Department provides an expedited review process using the Expedited Material Change Form (<https://www.engageny.org/file/96856/download/expedited-mc-fill-in-form-distribute.pdf>). Please also see: <https://www.engageny.org/file/96851/download/expedited-mc-cover-letter-2-24-14.pdf> for further information).

Consideration 1: Use of Pre-Assessments

The use of pre-assessments in a grade or subject is a local decision to be made consistent with your district’s instructional vision.

The APPR team has found the following examples of where your district has collectively bargained the use of a pre-assessment as a baseline measurement in Task 2, the State Growth or Other Comparable Measures subcomponent and/or in Task 3, the Locally-selected Measures subcomponent (please note that the information below reflects information taken directly from your district’s currently approved APPR plan):

Task 3 Course Name
4 ELA
5 ELA
6 ELA
4 Math
5 Math
6 Math
7 Math
8 Math
K ELA
1 ELA
2 ELA
3 ELA
K Math
1 Math
2 Math
3 Math

Since pre-assessments are not a Department requirement with student learning objectives (SLOs), one possible approach through which your district could reduce the number of assessments given is by using past performance trends, historical data, and/or prior-year assessment results to inform the baseline used to set targets within SLOs, rather than requiring teachers to give a pre-assessment to students at the beginning of the interval of instruction (year, semester, quarter, etc.).

The following resources may be particularly helpful:

- The [SLO 103 for Teachers](http://www.engageny.org/resource/slo-103-for-teachers) webinar
(<http://www.engageny.org/resource/slo-103-for-teachers>)
- The [Assessments in APPR](http://www.engageny.org/resource/assessments-in-annual-professional-performance-review-appr) webinar
(<http://www.engageny.org/resource/assessments-in-annual-professional-performance-review-appr>)
- Sections D28, D29, D37, D47, and D69 of the [APPR Guidance](http://www.engageny.org/sites/default/files/resource/attachments/appr-field-guidance.pdf) document
(<http://www.engageny.org/sites/default/files/resource/attachments/appr-field-guidance.pdf>)

In addition, please allow the following districts' approved APPR plans to serve as examples of districts that have made decisions to eliminate pre-assessment use in their APPR plans:

- [Tuckahoe Union Free School District](http://usny.nysed.gov/rttt/teachers-leaders/plans/docs/tuckahoe-ufsd-appr-plan.pdf)
(<http://usny.nysed.gov/rttt/teachers-leaders/plans/docs/tuckahoe-ufsd-appr-plan.pdf>)
- [Rochester City School District](http://usny.nysed.gov/rttt/teachers-leaders/plans/docs/rochester-appr-plan.pdf)
(<http://usny.nysed.gov/rttt/teachers-leaders/plans/docs/rochester-appr-plan.pdf>)
- [Webster Central School District](http://usny.nysed.gov/rttt/teachers-leaders/plans/docs/webster-appr-plan.pdf)
(<http://usny.nysed.gov/rttt/teachers-leaders/plans/docs/webster-appr-plan.pdf>)

Consideration 2: Use of Multiple Assessments in Task 2 and Task 3

The use of different assessments for the Locally-selected Measures subcomponent from those used for the State Growth or Other Comparable Measures subcomponent is a local decision made through collective bargaining.

The APPR team has found examples of where your district has collectively bargained the use of different assessments in Task 3, the Locally-selected Measures subcomponent, than the district selected in Task 2, the State Growth or Other Comparable Measures subcomponent, to assess the same students within the same grade and subject.

There are a number of possible approaches through which your district can, subject to collective bargaining decisions, reduce the number of assessments in these subcomponents. Please see the chart below:

Course	Task 2 Assessment Name	Task 3 Assessment Name
4 ELA	NYS Grade 4 ELA Assessment	STAR Reading Enterprise
5 ELA	NYS Grade 5 ELA Assessment	STAR Reading Enterprise
6 ELA	NYS Grade 6 ELA Assessment	STAR Reading Enterprise
7 ELA	NYS Grade 7 ELA Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 7 ELA Assessment
8 ELA	NYS Grade 8 ELA Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 8 ELA Assessment
4 Math	NYS Grade 4 Math Assessment	STAR Math Enterprise
5 Math	NYS Grade 5 Math Assessment	STAR Math Enterprise
6 Math	NYS Grade 6 Math Assessment	STAR Math Enterprise
7 Math	NYS Grade 7 Math Assessment	STAR Math Enterprise
8 Math	NYS Grade 8 Math Assessment	STAR Math Enterprise
K ELA	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade K ELA Assessment	STAR Early Literacy Enterprise
1 ELA	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 1 ELA Assessment	STAR Reading Enterprise
2 ELA	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 2 ELA Assessment	STAR Reading Enterprise
3 ELA	NYS Grade 3 ELA Assessment	STAR Reading Enterprise
K Math	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade K Math Assessment	STAR Math Enterprise
1 Math	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 1 Math Assessment	STAR Math Enterprise
2 Math	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 2 Math Assessment	STAR Math Enterprise
3 Math	NYS Grade 3 Math Assessment	STAR Math Enterprise
8 SCI	NYS Grade 8 Science Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 8 Science Assessment
Global 2	Global 2 Regents	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Global 2 Assessment
American History	American History Regents	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed American History Assessment
Living Environment	Living Environment Regents	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Living Environment Assessment
Earth Science	Earth Science Regents	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Earth Science Assessment
Chemistry	Chemistry Regents	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Chemistry Assessment

Physics	Physics Regents	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Physics Assessment
Algebra 1	Algebra 1 Regents	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Algebra I Assessment
Geometry	Geometry Regents	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Geometry Assessment
Algebra 2	Algebra 2 Regents	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Algebra II Assessment
11 English	Comprehensive English Regents	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 11 ELA Assessment

Consideration 3: Use of School- or BOCES-wide, Group, or Team Measures

The use of school- or BOCES-wide, group, or team measures with one or more State/Regents assessment(s) is a local decision made through collective bargaining.

The APPR team has found examples of where your district can, subject to collective bargaining decisions, further reduce the number of assessments used in Task 2, the State Growth or Other Comparable Measures subcomponent, and/or in Task 3, the Locally-selected Measures subcomponent, through the use of a school- or BOCES-wide, group, or team measure based on one or more State/Regents assessment(s).

Please see the chart below:

Course	Task 2 Assessment Name	Task 3 Assessment Name
7 SCI	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 7 Science Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 7 Science Assessment
7 SS	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 7 Social Studies Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 7 Social Studies Assessment
8 SS	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 8 Social Studies Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 8 Social Studies Assessment
Global 1	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Global 1 Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Global 1 Assessment
9 English	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 9 ELA Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 9 ELA Assessment
10 English	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 10 ELA Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 10 ELA Assessment
Elementary Physical Education	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 5 Physical Education Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 5 Physical Education Assessment
Elementary Music Grade K	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade K Music Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade K Music Assessment
Elementary Music Grade 1	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 1 Music Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 1 Music Assessment
Elementary Music Grade 2	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 2 Music Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 2 Music Assessment
Elementary Music Grade 3	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 3 Music Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 3 Music Assessment
Elementary Music Grade 4	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 4 Music Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 4 Music Assessment
Elementary Music Grade 5	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 5 Music Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 5 Music Assessment
Grade 4 Instrumental Music Band	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 4 Instrumental Music Band Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 4 Instrumental Music Band Assessment
Grade 5 Instrumental Music Band	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 5 Instrumental Music Band Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 5 Instrumental Music Band Assessment
Grade 3 Instrumental Music Orchestra	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 3 Instrumental Music Band Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 3 Instrumental Music Orchestra Assessment
Grade 4-5 Instrumental Music Orchestra	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 4, 5 Instrumental Music Band Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 4, 5 Instrumental Music Orchestra Assessment
Grade 3 Performance Music Chorus	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 3 Performing Music Chorus Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 3 Performance Music Chorus Assessment
Grade 4-5 Performance Music Chorus	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 4, 5 Performing Music Chorus Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 4, 5 Performance Music Chorus Assessment
Elementary Art K	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade K Art Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade K Art Assessment

Elementary Art Grade 1	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 1 Art Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 1 Art Assessment
Elementary Art Grade 2	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 2 Art Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 2 Art Assessment
Elementary Art Grade 3	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 3 Art Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 3 Art Assessment
Elementary Art Grade 4	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 4 Art Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 4 Art Assessment
Elementary Art Grade 5	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 5 Art Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 5 Art Assessment
Elementary Library	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 5 Art Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 5 Library Assessment
Accounting	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Accounting Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Accounting Assessment
Career and Financial Management	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Career & Financial Management Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Career and Financial Management Assessment
College Accounting	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed College Accounting Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed College Accounting Assessment
College Business Law	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed College Business Law Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed College Business Law Assessment
College Marketing	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed College Marketing Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed College Marketing Assessment
College Sports and Entertainment Marketing	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed College Sports and Entertainment Marketing Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed College Sports and Entertainment Assessment
Fashion Apparel and Accessories	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Fashion Apparel and Accessories Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Fashion Apparel and Accessories Assessment
Fashion Marketing	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Fashion Marketing Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Fashion Marketing Assessment
IB Business Management	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed IB Business Management Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed IB Business Management Assessment
Microsoft Computer Applications	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Microsoft Computer Applications Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Microsoft Computer Applications Assessment
Advanced Microsoft Computer Applications	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Advanced Microsoft Computer Applications Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Advanced Microsoft Computer Applications Assessment
Wall Street and Beyond	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Wall Street and Beyond Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Wall Street and Beyond Assessment
Web Wizards	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Web Wizards Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Web Wizards Assessment
Advanced Web Wizards	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Advanced Web Wizards Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Advanced Web Wizards Assessment
General Education Work Experience Program	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed General Education Work Experience Program Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed General Education Work Experience Program Assessment
AP Language and Composition	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed AP Language and Composition Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed AP Language and Composition Assessment
Humanities 12	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 12 Humanities Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 12 Humanities Assessment
Film Studies	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Film Studies Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Film Studies Assessment
College Freshman English	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed College Freshman English Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed College Freshman English Assessment
Journalism I	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Journalism I Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Journalism I Assessment

Journalism II	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Journalism II Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Journalism II Assessment
Creative Writing	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Creative Writing Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Creative Writing Assessment
Studio in Art	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Studio in Art Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Studio in Art Assessment
Studio in Media	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Studio in Media Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Studio in Media Assessment
AP Studio in Art	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed AP Studio in Art Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed AP Studio in Art Assessment
Drawing	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Drawing Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Drawing Assessment
Advanced Drawing	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Advanced Drawing Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Advanced Drawing and Painting Assessment
Painting	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Painting Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Painting Assessment
Advanced Painting	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Advanced Painting Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Advanced Painting Assessment
Cartooning	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Cartooning Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Cartooning Assessment
Advanced Cartooning	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Advanced Cartooning Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Advanced Cartooning Assessment
Computer Graphics	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Computer Graphics Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Computer Graphics Assessment
Advanced Computer Graphics	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Advanced Computer Graphics Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Advanced Computer Graphics Assessment
Fashion Illustration	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Fashion Illustration Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Fashion Illustration Assessment
Advanced Fashion Illustration	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Advanced Fashion Illustration Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Advanced Fashion Illustration Assessment
Interior Design	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Interior Design Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Interior Design Assessment
Honors Portfolio Development	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Honors Portfolio Development Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Honors Portfolio Development Assessment
Sculpture	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Sculpture Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Sculpture Assessment
TV Production/Visual Communications I	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed TV Production/Visual Communications I Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed TV Production/Visual Communications I Assessment
TV Production/Visual Communications II	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed TV Production/Visual Communications II Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed TV Production/Visual Communications II Assessment
Television Broadcast	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Television Broadcast Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Television Broadcast Assessment
Digital Photography	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Digital Photography Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Digital Photography Assessment
Advanced Digital Photography	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Advanced Digital Photography Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Advanced Digital Photography Assessment
Video as a Film Art	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Video as a Film Art Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Video as a Film Art Assessment
Advanced Video as a Film Art	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Advanced Video as a Film Art Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Advanced Video as a Film Art Assessment
IB Film HL	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed IB Film HL Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed IB Film HL Assessment
IB Visual Arts HL	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed IB Visual Arts HL Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed IB Visual Arts HL Assessment

Concert Band	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Concert Band Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Concert Band Assessment
Honors Concert Band	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Honors Concert Band Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Honors Concert Band Assessment
Treble Choir	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Treble Choir Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Treble Choir Assessment
Concert Chorus	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Concert Chorus Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Concert Chorus Assessment
Honors Chamber Singers	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Honors Chambers Singers Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Honors Chamber Singers Assessment
Concert Orchestra	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Concert Orchestra Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Concert Orchestra Assessment
Music Theory I	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Music Theory I Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Music Theory I Assessment
Honors Music Theory II	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Honors Music Theory II Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Honors Music Theory II Assessment
AP Music Theory	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed AP Music Theory Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed AP Music Theory Assessment
Introduction to Theatre	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Introduction to Theatre Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Introduction to Theatre Assessment
Acting Ensemble	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Acting Ensemble Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Acting Ensemble Assessment
Advanced Acting Ensemble	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Advanced Acting Ensemble Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Advanced Acting Ensemble Assessment
Music Recording Technology	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Music Recording Technology Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Music Recording Technology Assessment
Dance I	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Dance I Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Dance I Assessment
Dance II	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Dance II Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Dance II Assessment
Musical Theatre	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Musical Theatre Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Musical Theatre Assessment
Honors Chamber Orchestra	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Honors Chamber Orchestra Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Honors Chamber Orchestra Assessment
Honors Wind Ensemble	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Honors Wind Ensemble Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Honors Wind Ensemble Assessment
IB Theatre HL	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed IB Theatre HL Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed IB Theatre HL Assessment
French 6	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 6 French Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 6 French Assessment
German 6	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 6 German Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 6 German Assessment
Spanish 6	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 6 Spanish Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 6 Spanish Assessment
French 7	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 7 French Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 7 French Assessment
German 7	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 7 German Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 7 German Assessment
Spanish 7	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 7 Spanish Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 7 Spanish Assessment
French 8	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 8 French Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 8 French Assessment

German 8	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 8 German Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 8 German Assessment
Spanish 8	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 8 Spanish Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 8 Spanish Assessment
Level 2 French 9	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 9 French II Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 9 French II Assessment
Level 2 German 9	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 9 German II Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 9 German II Assessment
Level 2 Spanish 9	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 9 Spanish II Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 9 Spanish II Assessment
Level 2 Honors French 9	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 9 Honors French II Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 9 Honors French II Assessment
Level 2 Honors German 9	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 9 Honors German II Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 9 Honors German II Assessment
Level 2 Honors Spanish 9	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 9 Honors Spanish II Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 9 Honors Spanish II Assessment
Level 3 French 10	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 10 French III Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 10 French III Assessment
Level 3 German 10	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 10 German III Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 10 German III Assessment
Level 3 Spanish 10	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 10 Spanish III Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 10 Spanish III Assessment
Level 3 Honors French 10	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 10 Honors French III Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 10 Honors French III Assessment
Level 3 Honors German 10	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 10 Honors German III Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 10 Honors German III Assessment
Level 3 Honors Spanish 10	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 10 Honors Spanish III Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 10 Honors Spanish III Assessment
Level 4 French 11	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 11 French IV Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 11 French IV Assessment
Level 4 German 11	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 11 German IV Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 11 German IV Assessment
Level 4 Spanish 11	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 11 Spanish IV Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 11 Spanish IV Assessment
Level 4 Honors French 11	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 11 Honors French IV Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 11 Honors French IV Assessment
Level 4 Honors German 11	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 11 Honors German IV Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 11 Honors German IV Assessment
Level 4 Honors Spanish 11	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 11 Honors Spanish IV Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 11 Honors Spanish IV Assessment
Level 5 French 12	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 12 French V Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 12 French V Assessment
Level 5 German 12	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 12 German V Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 12 German V Assessment
Level 5 Spanish 12	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 12 Spanish V Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 12 Spanish V Assessment
AP French 12	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 12 AP French Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 12 AP French Assessment
AP German 12	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 12 AP German Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 12 AP German Assessment
AP Spanish 12	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 12 AP Spanish Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 12 AP Spanish Assessment
IB 1 French 11	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 11 French IB I Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 11 IB French I Assessment

IB 1 German 11	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 11 German IB I Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 11 IB German I Assessment
IB 1 Spanish 11	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 11 Spanish IB I Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 11 IB Spanish I Assessment
Honors German 1 10-12 mixed	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 10-12 Honors German I Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 10-12 Honors German I Assessment
HS Spanish 1 1B 9-12 mixed	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 9-12 Spanish I IB Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 9-12 Spanish 1B Assessment
AP Calculus	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed AP Calculus Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed AP Calculus Assessment
AP Statistics	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed AP Statistics Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed AP Statistics Assessment
Applied Mathematics	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Applied Mathematics Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Applied Mathematics Assessment
College Calculus	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed College Calculus Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed College Calculus Assessment
Honors Intro Calculus	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Honors Intro Calculus Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Honors Intro Calculus Assessment
Intermediate Algebra	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Intermediate Algebra Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Intermediate Algebra Assessment
Pre Calculus	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Pre Calculus Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Pre Calculus Assessment
IB Math SL	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed IB Math SL Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed IB Math SL Assessment
MS Physical Education 6	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 6 Physical Education Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 6 Physical Education Assessment
MS Physical Education 7	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 7 Physical Education Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 7 Physical Education Assessment
MS Physical Education 8	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 8 Physical Education Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 8 Physical Education Assessment
HS Physical Education 9	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 9 Physical Education Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 9 Physical Education Assessment
HS Physical Education 10	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 10 Physical Education Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 10 Physical Education Assessment
HS Physical Education 11	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 11 Physical Education Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 11 Physical Education Assessment
HS Physical Education 12	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 12 Physical Education Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 12 Physical Education Assessment
MS Health 6	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 6 Health Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 6 Health Assessment
MS Health 7	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 7 Health Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 7 Health Assessment
MS Health 8	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 8 Health Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 8 Health Assessment
HS Health 9	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 9 Health Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 9 Health Assessment
MS FACS 6	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 6 FACS Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 6 FACS Assessment
MS FACS 7	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 7 FACS Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 7 FACS Assessment
MS FACS 8	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 8 FACS Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 8 FACS Assessment

AP Physics C	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Physics C Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed AP Physics C Assessment
AP Environmental Science	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Environmental Science Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed AP Environmental Science Assessment
Forensic Science	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Forensic Science Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Forensic Science Assessment
Environmental Studies	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Environmental Science Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Environmental Studies Assessment
Oceanography	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Oceanography Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Oceanography Assessment
Astronomy	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Astronomy Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Astronomy Assessment
Science Research	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed science research Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Science Research Assessment
Global History I	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Global 1 Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Global History I Assessment
AP World History I	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed AP World History 1 Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed AP World History I Assessment
IB Theory of Knowledge	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed IB Theory of Knowledge Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed IB Theory of Knowledge Assessment
Economics	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Economics Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Economics Assessment
Participation in Government (PIG)	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Participation in Government Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Participation in Government Assessment
AP Government	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed AP Government Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed AP Government Assessment
College Sociology	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed College Sociology Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed College Sociology Assessment
College Psychology	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed College Psychology Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed College Psychology Assessment
Criminal Justice	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Criminal Justice Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Criminal Justice Assessment
Everyday Law	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Everyday Law Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Everyday Law Assessment
History Through Film	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed History Through Film Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed History through Film Assessment
Pop Culture	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Pop Culture Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Pop Culture Assessment
Technology Education 7	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 7 Technology Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 7 Technology Assessment
Technology Education 8	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 8 Technology Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Grade 8 Technology Assessment
Communication Systems	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Communication Systems Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Communication Systems Assessment
Materials Processing I	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Materials Processing I Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Materials Processing I Assessment
Materials Processing II	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Materials Processing II Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Materials Processing II Assessment
Architectural Drawing I	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Architectural Drawing I Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Architectural Drawing I Assessment
Architectural Drawing II	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Architectural Drawing II Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Architectural Drawing II Assessment
Design and Drawing for Production	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Design & Drawing for Production Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Design & Drawing for Production Assessment

World of Technology	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed World of Technology Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed World of Technology Assessment
Principles of Engineering	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Principles of Engineering Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Principles of Engineering Assessment
Robotics I	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Robotics I Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Robotics I Assessment
Robotics II	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Robotics II Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Robotics II Assessment
Introduction to Occupations	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Introduction to Occupations Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Introduction to Occupations Assessment
Computer Aided Design I	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Computer Aided Design I Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Computer Aided Design I Assessment
Computer Aided Design II	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Computer Aided Design II Assessment	HAUPPAUGE UFSD-Developed Computer Aided Design II Assessment

For both Consideration Two and Three, please keep in mind these possible approaches to reducing assessments given within a district:

1. ***State Growth and Locally-selected subcomponent measures may use different measures based on the same assessment.*** Remove one of the assessments used for either Task 2 or Task 3 and use the same assessment in both subcomponents, but in different ways (e.g., growth versus achievement; student sub-groups, such as lowest or highest performing students).
2. ***State assessments may be used in both State Growth and Locally-selected subcomponent measures (requiring no additional testing).*** Remove the current use of locally-adopted assessments and replace with existing State assessments and/or use a school- or BOCES-wide, group, or team growth measure (e.g., in a K-8 school building, for the State Growth subcomponent in those grades/subjects that do not lead to a State or Regents assessment: school-wide measure based on 4th grade ELA and Math State assessments; for the Locally-selected subcomponent: State-provided school-wide growth score for all students taking 4-8 ELA State assessments).
3. ***School-wide growth or achievement results may be used based on one or more State assessment(s) or other approved assessment(s).*** Remove the current use of locally-adopted assessments in one subcomponent and replace with school- or BOCES-wide, group, or team measures based on State assessments (State Growth subcomponent) or with school-wide growth or achievement based on State or locally-adopted assessments (Locally-selected subcomponent).

Please also keep in mind the following:

- “Assessments” need not be standardized tests, but could instead be performance assessments (e.g., extended essay responses, science experiments, and/or another authentic application of skills). For students in kindergarten through second grade, traditional standardized third party assessments are prohibited².
- For non-core subject areas in the State Growth or Other Comparable Measures subcomponent, you can remove additional assessments in favor of using school-wide, group, or team measures based on State/Regents assessments already given in the building. The only grades/subjects that cannot use a school-wide, group or team measures for the State Growth subcomponent are those with a State/Regents assessment in that grade/subject. All other grades/subjects are considered “non-core” and may use a school-wide, group, or team measure (Section D21 of the [APPR Guidance](http://www.engageny.org/sites/default/files/resource/attachments/appr-field-guidance.pdf) document: <http://www.engageny.org/sites/default/files/resource/attachments/appr-field-guidance.pdf>).
- For principals, the same assessments that are used for the teachers’ State Growth or Other Comparable Measures and/or Locally-selected Measures subcomponents can be used for principals in these subcomponents to avoid administering additional assessments to students.

The following resources may be particularly helpful:

- The [School-wide SLOs](http://www.engageny.org/resource/school-wide-slos) webinar (<http://www.engageny.org/resource/school-wide-slos>)
- The [Assessments in APPR](http://www.engageny.org/resource/assessments-in-annual-professional-performance-review-appr) webinar (<http://www.engageny.org/resource/assessments-in-annual-professional-performance-review-appr>)
- For K-2 assessments used for the purposes of APPR, please see:
 - The [Removal of Traditional Standardized Third Party Assessments in K-2 FAQ](https://www.engageny.org/file/96701/download/k-2_removal_of_traditional_standardized_third_party_assessments_guidance.pdf) that provides further information as to the removal of K-2 traditional standardized third party assessments from the State-approved list (https://www.engageny.org/file/96701/download/k-2_removal_of_traditional_standardized_third_party_assessments_guidance.pdf)
 - The [K-2 APPR Assessment Guidance](https://www.engageny.org/file/96706/download/k-2-assessment-guidance.pdf) document that provides guidance to districts and BOCES on selecting third party assessments for use with students in kindergarten through grade two (K-2) for the purposes of teacher and principal APPRs. This document replaces the Request for Qualification (RFQ) process previously used to determine state-approved K-2 assessments for APPR purposes (<https://www.engageny.org/file/96706/download/k-2-assessment-guidance.pdf>)
 - The [APPR Guidance Document](#), specifically F15
 - The [K-2 Assessment Pathways](http://www.engageny.org/resource/early-elementary-assessments) document (<http://www.engageny.org/resource/early-elementary-assessments>)
- Task 2 of [Task-by-Task Guidance](http://www.engageny.org/resource/task-by-task-guidance) (see: Sections 2D24-2D28) and Task 3 (Sections 3D25-3D29) (<http://www.engageny.org/resource/task-by-task-guidance>)
- [APPR Training Modules](http://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-training-modules) for Task 2 (slides 36-38) and Task 3 (slides 16, 30-35) (<http://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-training-modules>)

² Please note: Effective March 2, 2014, the Department has removed all third party assessments for use in kindergarten through grade two **only** from its posted approved third-party assessment list. For further information about the regulatory amendments adopted at the February and March 2014 Regents’ meetings, please see:

<http://www.engageny.org/resource/guidance-on-the-approved-regulatory-amendments-to-appr-to-help-reduce-local-testing>, the [K-2 Annual Professional Performance Review \(APPR\) Assessment Guidance Document](#), the [Removal of Traditional Standardized Third Party Assessments in K-2 FAQ](#) and F15 of the [APPR Guidance Document](#). Please note that school districts or BOCES with an APPR plan that was approved or determined by the Commissioner prior to April 1, 2014 that provides for the use of an approved student assessment for students in grades K-2 remains in effect in accordance with Education Law §3012-c(2)(l) and the district or BOCES may continue to use such assessments until a material change is made to their APPR plan and approved by the Commissioner to eliminate such use.

In addition, please allow the following districts' approved APPR plans to serve as examples of districts that have made decisions to eliminate assessments used in their APPR plans:

- [Parishville-Hopkinton Central School District](http://usny.nysed.gov/rttt/teachers-leaders/plans/docs/parishville-hopkinton-appr-plan.pdf)
(<http://usny.nysed.gov/rttt/teachers-leaders/plans/docs/parishville-hopkinton-appr-plan.pdf>)
- [Rochester City School District](http://usny.nysed.gov/rttt/teachers-leaders/plans/docs/rochester-appr-plan.pdf)
(<http://usny.nysed.gov/rttt/teachers-leaders/plans/docs/rochester-appr-plan.pdf>)
- [Webster Central School District](http://usny.nysed.gov/rttt/teachers-leaders/plans/docs/webster-appr-plan.pdf)
(<http://usny.nysed.gov/rttt/teachers-leaders/plans/docs/webster-appr-plan.pdf>)

Please note that the items listed in this memorandum are in no way an exhaustive list of ways in which your district could adjust your approved APPR plan and are intended solely for informational purposes. Districts, within the context of state regulations and frameworks, should locally determine the most appropriate assessments to use within the APPR system after first analyzing their unique priorities and needs. To the extent it would be helpful, the APPR Team can provide additional technical assistance or clarify existing guidance to ensure that your district receives the support necessary to successfully make a material change to your approved APPR plan.

In accordance with Section 1 of Subpart F of Chapter 56 of the laws of 2014, please also note that all school districts are required to:

- publicly post this memorandum on the school district's website (if one exists);
- supplement the information contained in this memorandum to include any standardized tests not specified by the Department; and
- ensure a public discussion of the contents of this memorandum in a manner to be determined by the district, including discussion on the extent to which the standardized tests not required by state or federal law are beneficial to the educational process or may be eliminated to reduce over testing.

The New York State Education Department and the Office of Teacher and Leader Effectiveness will work alongside you to continue to look for ways to reduce testing that is not needed without sacrificing the valuable information provided by assessments. The Department encourages districts to do the same. Together, our collective goal is to ensure that every school has world-class educators in the classroom, every teacher has a world-class principal to support his or her professional growth, and every student achieves college and career readiness.

Please feel free to reach out to the APPR team via educatoreval@mail.nysed.gov for more information and assistance.