Immigrant Student Counts for 2020–21 ESSA Title III Immigrant Allocations (attachment)

- The purpose of this communication is to inform all LEAs to update and/or verify their counts of immigrant students in the Student Information Repository System (SIRS) beginning the week of May 11, 2020 through the week of June 5, 2020. NYSED will use these counts to calculate the allocations to LEAs for 2020-2021 ESSA Title III Immigrant funds.
- LEAs should work with nonpublic schools to ensure that inaccurate data are identified. Nonpublic school immigrant counts should reflect students who were enrolled on BEDS day, October 2, 2019.
- See attached document titled, “2020 Title III Student Count Memo_Immigrant.pdf”
- Title III Immigrant allocations will be posted in July 2020 at Allocations, Poverty Data, and Student Counts.
- If you have any questions regarding the procedures, please contact the Office of Information and Reporting Services at datasupport@nysed.gov or (518) 474-7965 or the Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages at obewl@nysed.gov or (518) 474-8775.

Public Hearing on the Proposed Amendments to Sections 200.1 and 200.5 of the Commissioner’s Regulations Relating to Special Education Impartial Hearing Officers and the Special Education Due Process System Procedures

- This communication is to inform you that the public hearings scheduled for 10:00 a.m. May 18 and June 11, 2020 on the proposed amendments to sections 200.1 and 200.5 of the Commissioner’s Regulations relating to Special Education Impartial Hearing Officers and the Special Education Due Process System Procedures (see Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, I.D. No. EDU-11-20-00013-P, published in the March 18, 2020 State Register) will be held via Webex https://www.webex.com/.
  - The May 18, 2020 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. meeting can be accessed by Webex with the Meeting number (access code): 802 061 362 and Meeting password: VBdFFiYj37 or by phone at 1-844-633-8697 (US Toll Free) or 1-518-549-0500 (Local) with the access code 802 061 362.
  - The June 11, 2020, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. meeting can be accessed by Webex with the Meeting number (access code): 804 135 862 Meeting password:
The purpose of the hearings is to obtain public comment on the proposed regulations relating to special education due process and impartial hearing officer qualifications in the New York City special education due process system that were discussed at January 2020 and March 2020 Board of Regents meetings. The hearings are not trainings or question and answer sessions.

Data, views or arguments may be submitted until June 16, 2020 to: Christopher Suriano, Office of Special Education, NYS Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, 301M EB, Albany, NY 12234, (518) 473-4818, email: REGCOMMENTS@nysed.gov

Questions may be directed to the Office of Special Education at 518-473-2878 or speced@nysed.gov.

Office of Career and Technical Education Important COVID-19 Guidance for Secondary 2020-21 Perkins V Local Applications

The attached memo provides guidance for those school districts and BOCES applying for 2020-21 Perkins funds.

This memo can be found at the Department’s COVID-19 web page as well as the Office of Career and Technical Education Perkins web page.

This memo was sent to Career and Technical Education coordinators on Wednesday, May 6, 2020.

For questions concerning this memos, please contact the Office of Career and Technical Education at emsccte@nysed.gov.

Public Comment Period: NYSED Request for Waivers to Increase the Statutory Limit on Carryover for Federal FY 2019 Title 1, Part A Funds, to Extend Availability of Federal FY 2019 Title 1, Part A Funds, to Extend Availability of Federal FY 2018 ESEA Funds, and to Increase Flexibility in the Use of Title IV, Part A Funds to Support Continuity of Services

The New York State Education Department has submitted to the United States Department of Education a request for waivers to increase the statutory limit on carryover for federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Title 1, Part A funds, to extend availability of federal FY 2019 Title 1, Part A funds, to extend availability of federal FY 2019 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) funds, and to increase flexibility in the use of Title IV, Part A funds to support continuity of services.

In seeking these waivers, NYSED was required to provide assurance that NYSED and our Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) will use funds under the respective programs in accordance with the provisions of all applicable
statutes, regulations, program plans, and applications not subject to these waivers, and that NYSED will work to mitigate, and ensure that our LEAs will work to mitigate, any negative effects, if any, that may occur as a result of the requested waivers.


Comments may be submitted via email to FundingFlexibilities@nysed.gov with “Waiver Comments from (sender/organization name)” in the subject line. Comments will be accepted through May 19, 2020.

**Public Comment Period: NYSED Request for Waivers to Extend Availability of Federal FY 2018 Perkins and Adult Education/Family Literacy Funds**

- The New York State Education Department has submitted to the United States Department of Education a request for waivers to extend the period of availability of federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 funds until September 30, 2021 for State grants authorized by Title I of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 and State grants authorized by Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (i.e., the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act).

- In seeking these waivers, NYSED was required to provide assurance that NYSED and our Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) will use funds under the respective programs in accordance with the provisions of all applicable statutes, regulations, program plans, and applications not subject to these waivers, and that NYSED will work to mitigate, and ensure that our LEAs will work to mitigate, any negative effects, if any, that may occur as a result of the requested waivers.


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**Extensions for Certain Certificates that Have an Expiration Date of August 31, 2020 in Response to the COVID-19 Crisis**
The Initial certificate, Initial Reissuance, Conditional Initial certificate, Provisional certificate, and Provisional Renewal are valid for a limited period of time. Many of these certificates have an expiration date of August 31, depending on the effective date of the certificate.

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, Initial certificates, Initial Reissuances, Provisional certificates, and Provisional Renewals that have an expiration date of August 31, 2020 will have the expiration date extended to January 31, 2021. Conditional Initial certificates that have an expiration date of August 31, 2020 will have the expiration date extended to August 31, 2021. The expiration dates will automatically be changed in the TEACH online system.

These extensions provide certificate holders with the time needed to complete the requirements for the next level certificate and relief from the pending expiration date given the significant changes and upheaval experienced in all schools this year as a result of COVID-19.

If certificate holders have questions about certification, they can contact the Office of Teaching Initiatives at tcert@nysed.gov.