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The New York State Education Department (NYSED) recently launched a new user-friendly website providing updated resources related to New York's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan. The ESSA website, which features fact sheets, FAQs, and videos, serves as a one-stop shop of information for parents, educators, and others. Resources will be added and amended as they are completed.

Link: <http://www.nysed.gov/essa>

The 30-day public comment period opened December 26, 2018 regarding proposed regulations to implement New York State's Every Student Succeeds Act plan.

Link:

[https://govt.westlaw.com/nyreg/Document/I5030621d08e211e99dd9fc6ff03bf7e8?viewType=FullText&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=CategoryPageItem&contextData=\(sc.Default\)](https://govt.westlaw.com/nyreg/Document/I5030621d08e211e99dd9fc6ff03bf7e8?viewType=FullText&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=CategoryPageItem&contextData=(sc.Default))

On December 19, 2018, the State Education Department nominated 25 New York State high school seniors for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, Commissioner MaryEllen Elia announced. The Presidential Scholar recognition is one of the nation's highest honors for high school students. Every year, one young man and one young woman from each state are named as Presidential Scholars. The selection of approximately 4,000 original program candidates generally is made based on SAT and ACT scores. Application is by invitation only; therefore, students may not apply individually to the Program, nor may their schools nominate them. A student from Suffolk Region was nominated, Katie Sierra from Northport High School.

Applications are currently being accepted for the 2019 New York State Summer School of the Arts (NYSSSA), Commissioner MaryEllen Elia announced today. Students in grades 8-12 throughout New York State are encouraged to apply. NYSSSA is comprised of seven component schools: Theatre, Ballet, Modern Dance, Orchestral Studies, Choral Studies, Visual Arts and Media Arts. Auditions begin in January and will be held across the state. A schedule of audition sites and application materials are available at the NYSSSA website.

Link: <http://www.oce.nysed.gov/nysssa>