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### State Education Department Proposes Regulation Changes to Provide Greater Flexibility in Reissuance of Classroom Certificates and Supplementary Certificates:

Currently, expired initial classroom certificate may be reissued for 5 years if candidate has not completed the three full years of experience required for the professional certificate. To apply, candidate must complete 75 hours of professional development within one year prior to applying to the Department for the reissuance.

Proposed change allows teachers to complete required professional development within one year prior to or within one year after the Department's receipt of a completed application.

Also, current requirement of 75 hours' professional development would change to adhere with revisions made for Continuing Teacher Leader Education (CTLE). This allows candidates to apply for a reissuance and then complete the required professional development and to achieve a satisfactory score on the content specialty test within one year of the date of their application. A 45-day public comment period on the proposed amendments begins Jan. 25

**Supplementary Certificates:** Currently, teachers holding a certificate in a particular classroom teaching title are allowed to teach in a different certificate title by obtaining a supplementary certificate. This allows teachers to teach for 3 years in different subject while taking classes to be certified. The supplementary certificate provides districts with flexibility to fill a vacancy with a certified teacher who is not yet certified in the new certificate area, but who is pursuing his or her initial or professional certificate in the new area. The supplementary certificate is also limited to the employing district.

Proposed regulation extends supplementary certificate to five years to allow more time to complete the requirements for their initial or professional certificate in the new certificate area. Public comment will be received until March 13.

NYSED currently accepting applications from high school students statewide for the 2017 New York State Summer School of the Arts (NYSSSA). Auditions begin in January and will be held across the state. NYSSA schedule of audition sites and application materials are available at: [www.oce.nysed.gov/nysssa](http://www.oce.nysed.gov/nysssa).

Summer School of the Arts provides over 400 of New York's talented students the opportunity to study with professionals in the visual and performing arts.

Four weeks of intensive work and interaction with internationally acclaimed artists and performing arts companies, such as the New York City Ballet and the Philadelphia Orchestra, give students a unique opportunity to experience the rigors of their chosen arts field.

Students are accepted into the schools through a competitive audition process conducted by the artistic staff.

Tuition rates are maintained at a modest level and tuition assistance is available, enabling every student who qualifies the opportunity to participate in the program.

Schools include ballet, choral studies, dance, media arts, orchestral studies, theatre, and visual arts.

Changes regarding Education Law §921: Currently all school districts, boards of cooperative educational services (BOCES) and county vocational education and extension boards (CVEEBs), charter schools, and non-public elementary and secondary schools in this state may provide and maintain epinephrine auto-injectors on-site

Commissioner's regulations:

Amends the definition of epinephrine auto-injector device to conform to the definition in the new law (a single-use device used for the automatic injection of a premeasured dose of epinephrine into the human body for the purpose of emergency treatment of a person appearing to experience anaphylactic symptoms approved by the Food and Drug Administration)

Eliminates the requirement for a school district to enter into a collaborative agreement with an emergency health care provider in order to purchase, acquire, possess and use epinephrine auto-injector devices.

In addition, school districts are no longer required to report every use of an epinephrine auto-injector to an emergency health care provider.

The Office of Student Support Services works closely with the Department Health and the New York State Center for School Health. Recent revisions were put in place to align regulations with language that has changed over the years. Some include:

Refine and update the definition of treatment to include but not be limited to "the cure, care, amelioration, management or prevention of diseases, disorders, or injuries in need of attention wherein the student, for the most part, is a passive recipient." Currently, treatment is defined as the "correction of physical defects or other health problems in need of attention wherein the student, for the most part, is a passive recipient."

Adjust the grade levels at which students are required to submit documentation of physical examinations and immunizations

Presently, physical exams are needed upon entry to school and in prekindergarten or kindergarten (depending on the earliest level of entry offered by such school), 2nd, 4th, 7th and 10th grades. Will now be prekindergarten or kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 9th grades.

Health certificates currently are created by individual school districts. A single form will now be prescribed by the Commissioner. This will ensure clarity and consistency of communication between schools, parents, and healthcare professionals.

When the required vision, hearing and scoliosis screenings are completed by a student's health care provider, they need not be duplicated in school.

#### New York State Education Department Announces Opportunities for Computer-Based Testing (CBT) for Grades 3-8 ELA and Math

In 2017, schools have the option to administer Grades 3-8 ELA and Mathematics tests on paper or computer. To provide schools with the maximum flexibility, they can select computer- or paper-based testing by grade and subject area. Additionally, at the request of school administrators, the test-administration window for the operational CBT has been extended to six days to provide extra time for districts with a limited number of devices to be able to test multiple grade levels on computer.