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## Report as of November 18, 2019

1. The Board of Regents last week appointed Shannon Tahoe as Acting Commissioner of Education effective November 16 and announced additional appointments to leadership positions. The appointees will assist the Board of Regents and Department in carrying out its mission to raise the knowledge, skill and opportunity of all the people in New York.

2. NYSED proposed a draft four-year Perkins V State Plan in accordance with the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V). The plan is aligned with New York's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan and addresses New York's priorities to increase access to high-quality Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, support at-risk students and improve career development for all secondary and postsecondary students. The Department will hold three public forums and accept public comment in December and January. Comments will be taken via email as well. [www.nysed.gov/news/2019/state-education-department-proposes-perkins-v-state-plan-strengthen-career-and-technical](http://www.nysed.gov/news/2019/state-education-department-proposes-perkins-v-state-plan-strengthen-career-and-technical)

3. A new amendment to New York State Education Law, in relation to the probationary period for certain tenured employees in school districts, will go into effect on June 1, 2020. The amendment shortens the probationary period of a principal, administrator, supervisor, or other member of the supervisory staff who has been appointed tenure in another district within the State from four years to three years. This shortened probationary period does not apply to individuals who have been dismissed from their position in the past. The law only applies to those individuals beginning their probationary periods on or after June 1, 2020.

4. Six New York State mathematics and science teachers are state-level finalists for the 2019 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) at the secondary level, grades 7-12. In addition, the White House announced the 2017 and 2018 PAEMST awardees from each state, including four from New York, on October 15, 2019. The PAEMST, one of the most prestigious honors in the nation for teachers, recognizes exemplary teaching and leadership in science and mathematics education. The 2019 finalists are for math: Christina Pawlowski and Derek Pope from Commack High School in Commack; Jennifer Privitera from Thomas C. Giordano Middle School 45 in the Bronx;

And for science: Amy Hysick from Cicero-North Syracuse High School in North Syracuse; Kelly Jakab-Muller from Riverside High School in Yonkers; and Cathleen Woods from Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES Center at Ellicottville.