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SUBJECT: New York State Laws and Regulations that Differ from Federal Requirements

Pursuant to 20 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 1407(a)(2) each state is required to identify in writing to the Secretary of the United States Department of Education (USDOE) and local educational agencies located in the state any rule, regulation or policy as a state-imposed requirement that is not required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and federal regulations. The New York State Education Department (NYSED) has taken steps to conduct a comprehensive review of its laws and regulations that apply to the education of students with disabilities. The attached summary provides a list of New York State laws and regulations that differ from federal requirements in effect on the date of the analysis. The analysis was posted for general public review on the NYSED website for 60 days beginning on March 2, 2016. Comments were accepted for at least 30 days, until April 8, 2016.

To ensure dissemination to appropriate individuals within a school district, I ask Superintendents to please share this memorandum with individuals such as Directors of Special Education, School Psychologists, Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education Chairpersons, Guidance Counselors and Directors of Pupil Personnel and Parent Teacher Associations. Questions regarding this memorandum may be directed to the Special Education Policy Unit at 518-473-2878 or to the Special Education Quality Assurance Office in your region:

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