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SUBJECT:

Alternative Option for Displaced Students to Earn a Diploma from the Puerto Rican Department of Education

Students who transfer as a result of Hurricane Maria or Irma in grade 10, 11 or 12 may elect to continue their high school studies in a New York State high school in pursuit of a diploma from Puerto Rico. In general, the following is required of students seeking this credential.

Eligibility

Students may have the option to earn a Puerto Rico high school diploma if the student:

- 1) is enrolled in a public school in New York State;
- 2) was enrolled in a public school in Puerto Rico during the 2017-2018 school year;
- 3) has been displaced by Hurricane Irma or Maria; and
- 4) had attained the 10th, 11th or 12th grade in Puerto Rico by the time Hurricane Irma made landfall in September 2017 or Hurricane Maria made landfall in October 2017.

Requirements for Earning a Puerto Rico High School Diploma During the 2017-18 School Year

A student in Grade 12 seeking

There are no requirements for a student to earn a minimum grade point average or satisfy standardized assessment requirements.

Any student choosing this alternative option will not count in the denominator and/or adversely affect graduation rates in the New York State high school. These students should be coded as:

Code 221 *Transferred to a school outside NEW YORK STATE with documentation:* This code is used when a student, parent(s), or guardian(s) initiates a transfer to a school outside New York State.