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To: District Superintendents of BOCES
Board of Education Presidents
Superintendents of Public School Districts

From: Jeffrey Matteson, Senior Deputy Commissioner

Subject: Extension of Deadline for the Strengths and Needs Tool Submissions and Other
Regionalization-Related Items

Date: October 16, 2024

What comes next?

The first regionalization conversations, which focus on logistics and packing the aims of the policy, and building a foundation for future collaboration, do not require data from the Strengths and Needs Tool. Therefore, the deadline for holding these initial meetings remains November 1, 2024.

Subsequent to completion of the Strengths and Needs Tool, dissemination of data to help inform regional discussions, an Interim Progress Report will be drafted by the BOCES District Superintendent, shared with their component school district governance teams, and then transmitted to NYSED on or before April 1, 2025. After feedback, the District Superintendent will submit a Regionalization Plan on or before October 1, 2025. These deadlines, as set forth in the regulation, also remain unchanged.

Finally, as a reminder, the Regionalization regulations are still out for public comment, and we encourage your continued engagement in the process.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to come together and address the educational challenges facing districts across New York. We look forward to continuing this critically important work with you.