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To: BOCES District Superintendents
Superintendents of Public Schools
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Subject: August Administrations of the Regents Exam in Algebra 2/Trigonometry

At the September 2014 meeting of the Board of Regents, the Board discussed the need to increase student access to advanced coursework and the percentage of students who earn the Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation - one of the Department's aspirational performance measures of college- and career-readiness. For further information see: <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/meetings/2014/September2014/914p12d3.pdf>.

In an effort to help students earn this credential, the Department will re-introduce the August administration of the Regents Examination in Algebra 2/Trigonometry during the August 2015 and 2016 administration periods. This examination has not been available for August administration periods since August 2010. With the phase-in of the Common Core Regents Exam in Algebra II beginning in June 2016, the last administration of the Regents Examination in Algebra 2/Trigonometry is scheduled for January 2017. The Common Core Regents Exam in Algebra II will be administered in August beginning in August 2016.

Please contact the Office of State Assessment by e-mail at emscassessinfo@mail.nysed.gov or by phone at 518-474-5900 or 5902 for questions concerning the new Regents Exams, exam schedules, or the implementation timeline. Thank you for your continued support with this important and challenging work.