TO:       District Superintendents  
          Superintendents of Schools  
          Principals of Public Schools  
          Charter School Leaders  
          Administrators of Religious and Independent Schools

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SUBJECT: January, June, and August 2020 Regents Examination Schedules

This memorandum is to advise you that the final January, June, and August 2020 Regents Examination schedules are now available on the Department’s website. In creating these final schedules, Department staff have reviewed the feedback received from stakeholders statewide, including: district superintendents; school superintendents; school principals and testing coordinators; and charter, religious, and independent school leaders. To the extent possible, we have incorporated suggestions into the final schedules. In developing Regents Examination schedules, the Department’s primary consideration is to create schedules that are as conducive as possible to student achievement. Also, of consideration is scheduling examinations to maximize the amount of time available for scoring. The feedback that we have received has been helpful in enabling us to achieve these objectives.

In June 2020, a new examination, the Regents Examination in United States History and Government (Framework), will be introduced. This new Framework examination will be administered on Tuesday, June 2, 2020. Because this is a new examination, the administration must take place early in the month to allow time for score collection and standard setting in order for the conversion chart to be posted by the Rating Day, Friday, June 26, 2020.

Unlike most previous June examination schedules, there is a Regents Examination scheduled for a Monday. On June 22, the final administration of the Transition Examination in Global History and Geography will be held in the morning session. By June 2020, it is expected that there will be a reduced number of students taking this examination.

Another notable characteristic of the June 2020 schedule is that Tuesday, June 23 includes a morning session only. That date is the primary election date in New York State. As a result, there may be schools or districts that, for logistical reasons, will need to schedule that day as a half day.

If you have questions concerning the examination schedules for the 2020 Regents Examination periods, please send an inquiry by e-mail to emscassessinfo@nysed.gov. We thank all who have submitted suggestions regarding these Regents Examination schedules.