

November 26, 2024

Dear Roslyn Families,

We have an important update to share regarding a communication we received today from the New York State Commissioner of Education. <u>Click here to read the Commissioner's letter.</u>

As you will see, the Commissioner has now advised that the proposed emergency regulation will be amended to make the regionalization plan advisory rather than mandatory. In addition, the Commissioner states that school districts may elect NOT to participate in the regionalization planning process allowing us the ability to opt out. The Commissioner has now indicated that the regulatory language will be changed to reflect these revisions. We remain cautious. It is essential that we consider and evaluate any forthcoming changes critically.

While the promise of the suggested revisions signal some awareness of the troubling issues here, we must carefully scrutinize the process in its entirety along with any suggested amendments. Of note, the Commissioner's letter does not explicitly address that the role of the BOCES superintendent, in relation to component districts, must remain advisory only.

We will take all actions necessary to protect and preserve local control of our school district.

Thank you for your trust and support.

Sincerely,

Meryl Waxman Ben-Levy Board of Education President

Allison Brown Superintendent of Schools