To: District Superintendents of BOCES
     Board of Education Presidents
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Goals of Regionalization Conversations

Regrettably, there has been some misinformation regarding the goals of regionalization conversations. For accurate information, we encourage you to review the numerous resources NYSED has made available on the [regionalization website](#), including the [Regionalization Presentation to the Board of Regents on September 9, 2024.](#) These resources outline the intent and goals of regionalization conversations and clarifies what this work is and is not.

As stated in these documents, the goal of this work is to provide space for local education leaders to envision, and convey to NYSED, what strategies and actions they will take locally to provide students with equitable opportunities to learn, grow, and thrive,

What comes next?

The first regionalization conversations, which focus on logistics, unpacking 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 and 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.