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**TO:** District Superintendents  
Superintendents of Public and Nonpublic Schools  
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**SUBJECT:** Transition to the Regents Examination in Algebra II (Common Core) and Phase-Out of the Regents Examination in Algebra 2/Trigonometry

The Department began the implementation of new Regents Examinations in mathematics with the Regents Examination in Algebra I (Common Core) in June 2014. This was followed by the implementation of the Regents Examination in Geometry (Common Core) in June 2015 and the Regents Examination in Algebra II (Common Core) in June 2016. Over several years, as each of these exams was introduced, the corresponding Regents Examination measuring the 2005 Standard was, or will be, phased out following a short overlap period for each examination. For more information, see <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/commoncore/transitionccregents1113rev.pdf>.

The Board of Regents amended Commissioner’s Regulations at their December 2015 meeting to provide the option for students enrolled in Algebra II (Common Core) courses, at the discretion of the school, to take the Regents me@ (e 41. (m)-6 (nrse30 (o)-3 (n)-13.5 (. (f)6 (e )

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