

# GARDEN CITY PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

## WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR EDUCATION IN NEW YORK STATE?

### NEW YORK STATE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

The Governor is the chief executive of New York State. The Governor and the New York State Legislature are responsible for enacting laws, including education law, and for the state's budget, which provides funding to all public schools. Be sure to let the Governor know your thoughts and concerns.

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### NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The New York State Education Department (SED) is responsible for the supervision of all public schools in the state, including The University of the State of New York. The SED is one of the most complete interconnected systems of education in the country. The SED has the following main branches each under the direction of the Commissioner of Education:

- Office of P-12 Education (P12): The Office of P-12 Education oversees Pre-K through Grade 12 programs. The Office has diverse responsibilities, including matters of accountability (all state assessments), curriculum, educational technology, information and reporting services, school innovation, school operations and special education.
- Office of Higher Education
- Office of Cultural Education
- Office of Performance Improvement and Management Services
- Chief Financial Office
- Office of Counsel
- Office of the Professions
- Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services

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### NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

The New York State Board of Regents (the Regents) is responsible for the general supervision of all educational activities within the state, presiding over the University of the State of New York and the SED. The Regents' regulations carry the same impact as laws enacted by the State Legislature for public schools.

The Speaker of the New York State Assembly oversees the appointment of the Regents, a seventeen-member volunteer board elected by the legislature. Members serve for a five-year term. The Regents include one member from each of New York State's thirteen judicial districts and four members at large. The Regents elects its chancellor and appoints the Commissioner of Education.

[www.regents.nysed.gov](http://www.regents.nysed.gov)

### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The U.S. Department of Education is the agency of the federal government that establishes policy for, administers and coordinates most federal assistance to education. It assists the President of the United States in executing his education policies for the nation and in implementing laws enacted by Congress.

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