

NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
EDUCATOR PREPARATION NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER Overview and Update  
of College and University Evaluation (OCUE),

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Banks, will meet during 2024 to collaborate on developing a plan for embedding evidence-based reading instructional practices into teacher preparation programs ensuring that all NY State students learn to read

## [NYS ED FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: SMART SCHOLARS EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL \(SS-PROGRAM\)](#)

The New York State Education Department has announced that it is seeking grant applications for the establishment of active partnerships between school districts and institutions of higher education (IHE) to provide an integrated high school and college curriculum and the academic and social supports the target student population needs to graduate from high school on time with a Regents diploma and at least 24 or up to 60 transferable college credits, at no cost to their families. This Funding Opportunity, RFP #15C23 will be posted to the [ECHS webpage](#). All applications must be postmarked by December 5, 2023. For additional information, please review the full RFP document. A question and answers summary will be posted on or about November 14, 2023.

## ["SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAPPENED TO JOEY" CHILDHOOD TRAUMA FILM SCREENING](#)

On Monday, October 16, at the [NY State Museum](#), NYSED hosted a film screening of "Something Terrible Happened to Joey" and held a panel discussion about childhood trauma. As a follow-up to that event, NYSED is sharing the following resources on the film and childhood trauma:

- The [Something Terrible Happened to Joey website](#)
- You can [watch the film](#) or share it with others.
- Educators can use the [Study Guide](#) to think through and discuss difficult issues surrounding trauma.
- The New York State [Trauma-Informed Network](#)
- New York State Office of Mental Health [988 Community Education and Awareness Toolkit](#)
- New York State Office of Children and Family Services [HEARS family line information](#)
- New York State Office of Children and Family Services [Family Resource and Opportunity Centers](#)
- The WNET Group's [Student Mental Health Matters: A Toolkit for Educators](#)

## [NYSATE/NYACTE CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS](#)

The 2023 [New York State Association of Teacher Educators \(NYSATE\)](#) / [New York Association of Colleges for Teacher Education \(NYACTE\)](#) Annual Fall Conference took place on October 27-29 in Saratoga Springs. It included presentations from New York State Education Department leaders and staff members. From the Office of Higher Education, Deputy Commissioner William Murphy gave the address at the Conference plenary session. Jennifer Pendleton, Director of the Office of Teaching Initiatives, and (OTI) staff provided certification updates. Emily Smith, Director of the Office of College and University Evaluation, and staff shared information about navigating the program registration and revision process. Elena Bruno, Mentor Teacher Internship Program (MTIP) Coordinator, facilitated the panel: P20 Approaches to Mentoring and Induction of New Teachers through NYSED's Mentor Teacher Internship Program (MTIP) Grant.

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