

The Office of Higher Education (OHE) is pleased to launch a monthly newsletter to inform the education community of current and upcoming activities related to higher education. To subscribe to our monthly newsletter, please sign up on the [OHE newsletter subscription webpage](#).

. [The HEOP regulation amendments](#) implement Chapter 494 of the Laws of 2016 by clarifying for institutions what types of expenses fall within the newly enumerated categories eligible for HEOP funding. In addition, the Department made technical amendments and updates to the regulatory language to conform with current practice. The amendments were adopted as a permanent rule that is effective August 2.

. The Cambridge, Hudson Falls, and Washington-Warren-Saratoga-Hamilton-Essex County BOCES consortia and the State University of New York College at Plattsburgh - Queensbury Campus teacher preparation program created a pilot program where candidates participate in a two-year, full-time internship in the partnering school district during their program at Plattsburgh. A [regulation amendment to create a time-limited residency certificate](#) allows these candidates to be certified while enrolled in the program, enabling the school district/BOCES to pay their salary. The amendment was adopted as a permanent rule that is effective August 2.

The Department is seeking qualified professionals to serve as committee members for ongoing CST development activities in the four arts certification fields of Dance, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts. The Framework Committee Review Conference is scheduled to convene in October 2017. Certified P-12 educators, and higher education professionals, including both higher education arts professionals and educator preparation faculty, who have content expertise in one or more of the four arts are encouraged to apply by visiting the [Teacher Participation Opportunities webpage](#) and completing the [online application](#). Please submit your nominations and applications now. If you are not available for this work, we ask that you nominate one or two educators who are knowledgeable in the field. Once you have nominated them, please ask your nominees to go to the same link to complete the application.

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