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TO: District Superintendents

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SUBJECT: English Language Learner (ELL) Identification and Placement for

Recently Arrived Children and Youth

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Communities across New York State are experiencing an influx of recently arrived and asylum-seeking students and families in advance of the 2023-24 school year. The Board of Regents and W K1HH Z < R U N (63/XEFW) WHLSRIQU W P1H-C6 W R U ³ M/SKIPHU W PaH-Co-Wh/mitted to supporting Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) in the delivery of high-quality educational services to all students, including recently arrived children and youth. This memorandum provides important information for LEAs regarding the English Language Learner (ELL) L G H Q W L BLUFRDFWHLXRWQOILQQ H&GR P P L V VRIegralations Part 154-2.3(a) and available resources to support students and families.

Available Flexibility to Identification and Placement Timelines

Due to an unanticipated increase in the enrollment of speakers of languages other than English, it is expected that some

After the 30-

school day period granted by this waiver has ended, all identifications will again be required to be completed within 10 school days of a student ¶ initial enrollment.

LEAs seeking a waiver from the timeline specified in & R P P L V V L R Q H U ¶ VP&rtH154K O D W L 2.3(g) must complete and submit the Attestation in Support of Waiver of the ELL Identification and Placement Timeline for Recently Arrived Children and Youth ´IR WPK U RW &1Kk 6 ('Business Portal. The waiver will be available to qualifying LEAs until further notice. The standard identification period will apply to all LEAs that do not receive a waiver.

These centers provide direct educational programs and services to migrant children at homes and in schools. They also link migrant families with necessary academic, social, and health services and provide direct services to migrant families in the areas of academic assistance, advocacy, coordination with schools and community agencies, and other outreach activities. Please use the interactive map or the METS page to find contact information for the Program Center that serves your county.