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SUBJECT: NYS High School Equivalency (HSE) Exam

DATE: October 1, 2021

Please be advised that the State Education Department's current contract with Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) to provide NYS with a high school equivalency exam - currently the TASC Test™ - expires on December 31, 2021. A new RFP for the HSE exam was released but DRC did not apply as they are discontinuing providing the TASC and are currently phasing out all state contracts.

A new vendor submitted a proposal to provide the high school equivalency exam effective January 2022. There has not been an announcement of the new vendor because a contract has not been finalized. **NYS Finance Law §§139-j and 139-k imposes restrictions on communications during the proposal procurement process. As NYSED is in the restricted period (as defined in §139-j) for RFP #21-011: NYS HSE Testing Program, we are unable to provide any specific details at this time.**

The new vendor has been notified of their **tentative award** and discussions have begun regarding transition to the new exam.

SED expects to make the official public announcement of the new vendor in November 2021 and to provide information related to changes in registration, scheduling, administration, and processing of exam scores. SED's Office of High School Equivalency is committed to working closely with test center coordinators and adult education preparation programs to ensure that New Yorkers have the information they need to continue to take the HSE exam.

Please know that we value our continued partnership with you to ensure that a high school equivalency diploma remains a viable option for individuals seeking to enhance their employment and educational options.

Thank you.