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The Office of Higher Education (OHE) newsletter describes the current and upcoming activities related to higher education, with a particular focus on the preparation of educators. This newsletter, past newsletters, and a subscription link are available online on the [OHE website](#).

The Board of Regents has elected Dr. Lester W. Young, Jr. as Chancellor. In this role, he will lead and serve as the presiding officer of the Board. He has more than 50 years of experience in public education,

Institutions planning to prepare school counselor candidates who are starting their program in Fall 2021 and later must register new programs leading to Initial and/or Professional School Counselor certification. These new programs must be designed to meet registration requirements listed in [section 52.21\(d\)](#) of the Commissioner's regulations.

The Department has developed a new program proposal registration application to register new school counselor programs. The proposal application and related guidance can be accessed [online](#). The proposal application should be submitted to the Office of College and University Evaluation (OCUE) by March 1, 2021 to ensure review and registration of the program in time to offer these programs to new candidates entering in Fall 2021. Questions regarding the proposals can be sent to OCUE at: [OCUEINFO@nysed.gov](mailto:OCUEINFO@nysed.gov).

In July 2020, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) was awarded funding through the United States Department of Education's Rethink K-12 Education Models Grant to implement the Teaching in Remote/Hybrid Learning Environments (TRLE) program. The purpose of the program will be to build the capacity of teachers and educational leaders to effectively implement remote/hybrid learning for all students. The full program narrative is posted [online](#).

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