



**TO:** The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

**FROM:** Sharon Cates-Williams *Sharon Cates-Williams*

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of a \$215,000 grant from The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

**DATE:** September 1, 2022

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** *Betty A. ...*

### SUMMARY

#### **Issue for Decision**

Should the Board of Regents approve a \$215,000 grant to The University of the State of New York Regents Research Fund from The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation?

#### **Reason(s) for Consideration**

Review of policy.

#### **Proposed Handling**

The proposed amendment is submitted to the Full Board for adoption as a permanent rule at its September 2022 meeting. A copy of the proposed amendment is attached (Attachment A).

#### **Procedural History**

Not applicable

#### **Background Information**

The New York State Board of Regents and the State Education Department have embarked on a Graduation Measures initiative to "reaffirm what a New York State (NYS) high school diploma means and what it should signify to ensure educational excellence and equity for all NYS children." High school graduation requirements are an important indicator of what New York expects students to know and be able to do. The

purpose of this grant is to support Phase II of this work and continue to support a part-time project manager for this initiative.

**Related Regents Items**

Not applicable.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED: That the \$215,000 grant to The University of the State of New York Regents Research Fund from The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation be approved.

**Timetable for Implementation**

Not applicable.