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TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
Acting in their Capacity as Trustees of The University of the
State of New York

FROM: Valerie Grey, Fiscal Agent *Valerie Grey*

SUBJECT: Acceptance of a \$475,000, one-year extension grant from the
Tortora Sillcox Family Foundation

DATE: September 10, 2012

AUTHORIZATION(S): *J. B. S. G.*

Issue for Decision

Approval of a \$475,000 one-year extension grant to The University of the State of New York Regents Research Fund from the Tortora Sillcox Family Foundation (the "Foundation"). The Foundation's mission is to contribute to the steadily growing number of young people in New York City who overcome barriers to graduate from public high school – and then from college – prepared for meaningful employment and robust civic participation.

Reason(s) for Consideration

This grant from the Foundation is awarded to support the Regents Research Fund Fellowship Program's work in the area of Assessment. These funds will provide supplemental expertise to assist in Assessment initiatives essential to the Regents Reform Agenda including ensuring alignment with common core standards and transitioning to computer-based testing.

Proposed Handling

Approval

Recommendation

That the Board of Regents accept the sum of \$475,000 from the Foundation to support the work of the USNY Regents Research Fellowship Program.