

Health, Human and Social Services Committee  
Department of Employment and Training  
AGENDA  
February 22, 2016

Committee Members: *Matthew D. Sokol, Chair; Matthew J. Simpson, Rachel E. Seeber, Edna A. Fraiser, John F. Strough, Ron Vanselow, Peter V. McDevitt, Matthew MacDonald, and Claudia K. Braymer.*

- I. Committee meeting called to order by Chairman
- II. Motion to approve minutes of prior Committee meeting
- III. Action Agenda/New Business
  1. Request to Amend County Budget to add Trade Adjustment Act Funding  
Rationale: Workers who are dislocated due to foreign competition are eligible for training funds to learn a new occupation. Additional funding has been awarded to one student. Warren County acts as a pass-through for these federal funds.
  2. Request to Attend Conference March 21-23, 2016  
Rationale: New York Association of Training and Employment Professionals is a non-profit membership association in the field of workforce development. Each year they hold a youth conference to focus on best practices, trends and program training. Permission is requested to authorize our Senior Counselor and Youth Counselor to attend this conference in Saratoga.
  3. Request Authorization for Chairman to execute a 10-year lease with NYS DOL  
Rationale: Warren County leases space from the NYS Department of Labor so we can co-locate and run the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act program for residents of Warren County. The current lease in Northway Plaza expired on 12/31/14 and we have continued as a tenant at will. NYS conducted a thorough search and is leasing space at 333 Glen Street, an offer has been extended for us to co-locate. All lease expenses are from federal funds used to administer the workforce program.
- IV. Referral/Pending Items
  1. TASC vs. GED; initial findings
- V. Information for Discussion/Review
  1. Work Crew Supervisor – will be looking for a seasonal, part-time supervisor for our youth work crew. If you know of anyone feel free to have them contact our office.
- VI. Privilege of the Floor to discuss any additional items to come before the Committee

VII. Motion to adjourn

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Attachments:

1. Resolution Request Form No. 7, Request to Amend County Budget Page 3
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***RESOLUTION REQUEST FORM NO. 7***

***Request to Amend County Budget\****

*\*If this is the result of a grant award, also complete and submit Form No. 5 or 6*

**DEPARTMENT NAME: Employment and Training**

**DATE: February 22, 2016**

(a) Purpose of Amendment: add federal funds to county budget to reimburse training for four dislocated workers through the Trade Adjustment Act

(b) Appropriation Code, Object Code, Full Title and Amount: 41.6293.0305 433 - WIOA Dislocated Worker (Training-Client) \$1,509.

(c) Revenue Code (with title), and Amount: 41.6293.0305 4791 - WIOA Dislocated Worker - \$1,509.

**AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND MEETING OR CONVENTION**

Check one:

- In-State (needs Supervisory Committee authorization)
- Out-Of State (needs Board resolution)

The Human Services Committee hereby authorizes Sharon Sano and Tara Booth  
 (Supervisory Committee) (Employee Name)

to attend 2016 NYATEP Youth Academy  
 (Name of meeting or organization)

at Saratoga Holiday Inn, 232 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY  
 (Address)

on March 21-23, 2016 . Mode of transportation to be used County Vehicle  
 (Dates) (County Vehicle or Mass Transportation)

If the mode of transportation is not a county vehicle or mass transportation, please explain: N/A

**Proper documentation must be attached when submitting for approval.**  
 (Please check documents attached)

- Notice of meeting or convention including cost.

**For Overnight Travel**

- Room rate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ GSA \* Rate \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Meal costs - GSA \*per diem rate \$56.00  
 \*[www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov)

Date: 2/22/16

\_\_\_\_\_  
Department Head Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chairman Signature

Please refer to the Warren County Travel Policy and County Vehicle Use Regulations for general policy guidelines.

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Please check to request a fleet vehicle.

**REQUEST FOR USE OF FLEET VEHICLE**

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# 2016 NYATEP Northeast Regional Youth Academy

## Excellence in Youth Programming

### March 21-23, 2016

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*Draft Agenda (as of February 16, 2016)*

Monday, March 21, 2016

- 8:00 AM** Academy Registration Desk Opens
- 9:00 – 1:00 PM** **Pre-Day Session: Additional Fee of \$100 (lunch included)**  
***Terms of Engagement: Understanding Youth Development***  
Join Youth Development Institute for a special four hour “pre-academy” session devoted to the fundamentals of youth development. This training will share research based, youth development content and practices that support and strengthen engagement and learning in your program.
- 1:30 – 3:00 PM** **Opening Session: Discussion with National Job Corps Director Jacobs-Simmons**
- 3:00 – 3:15 PM** **Coffee Break**
- 3:15 – 4:30 PM** **Concurrent Workshop Sessions**
- Advancing Soft Skills: Applied Learning for Better Workforce Outcomes
  - Customer Centered Design
  - Collaboration with Job Corps: Changing Lives One Student at a Time
- 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM** **Networking and Sampling of Capital Region Craft Beers and Wines**

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

- 7:00 AM** **Academy Registration Desk Opens and Breakfast Available**
- 9:00 – 9:15 AM** **Welcoming Remarks**  
Kathleen C. Hochul, NYS Lieutenant Governor
- 9:15 – 10:30 AM** **Opening Session**  
**Work-Based Learning: Back to the Future**  
Josh Davies, The Center for Work Ethic Development
- 10:30 – 10:45 AM** **Break**

**Tuesday, March 22, 2016 (cont.)**

**10:45 AM – 12:00 PM Concurrent Workshop Sessions**

- Current Opiate and Heroin Crisis: Effective Resources to Prevent, Treat and Recover
- ACCES-VR Internships: A Collaborative Effort
- Creating an Effective Networking System to Help Navigate Youth
- Program Lessons for WIOA: Relationships and Retention

**12:00 – 1:30 PM      Networking Luncheon**

**1:30 – 1:45 PM      Break**

**1:45 – 3:00 PM      Concurrent Workshop Sessions**

- Grounding the System: Advocacy & Policy in NYS Youth Workforce
- Financial Literacy Education Leading to a Financially Capable Youth!
- Supporting Career Pathways for Young Adults

**3:00 – 3:30 PM      Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Break**

**3:30 – 4:45 PM      Concurrent Workshop Sessions**

- An American Job Center inside the Jail is a Great Idea!
- ACCES-VR Youth Initiatives for 2016
- Teaching Numeracy for Young Reluctant Learners
- Embracing WIOA by Building Lasting Community Partnerships

**5:00 – 6:30 PM      2016 Youth Academy Reception**  
Networking with colleagues! Live music from "Hot Club of Saratoga" Excellent food, fun and prizes!

**March 23, 2016      WIOA Day**

**7:00 – 9:00 AM      Breakfast Available**

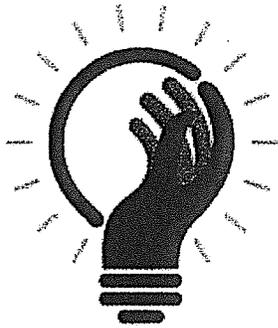
**9:00 – 10:30 AM      Serving Youth Under WIOA**

**10:30 – 10:45 AM      Break**

**10:45 AM – 12:00PM Peer Learning Groups**

- Coordinating Youth Programs Under WIOA
- Serving Youth with Disabilities
- Developing Work Experiences for Youth
- Youth Engagement and Retention

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# 2016 Excellence in Youth Programming

NYATEP Youth Academy

## March 21 – 23, 2016

Saratoga Springs, New York

Saratoga Holiday Inn  
232 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

### 2016 Excellence in Youth Programming: NYATEP Youth Academy

Monday, March 21, 2016 - Wednesday, March 23, 2016

Saratoga Holiday Inn  
232 Broadway  
Saratoga Springs, New York 12866  
United States

Event Details

Jan Hennessy at [jhennessy@nyatep.org](mailto:jhennessy@nyatep.org)  
518-433-1200  
518-43

Email Us

[View or Change Your Existing Registration](#)

#### Start Your Registration

- \* Email Address:
- \* Verify Email Address:
- \* Select registrant type:
  - Early Bird: \$395.00
  - Speaker Rate (No Discounts Apply): \$375.00
  - One Day Rate (No Discounts Apply): \$225.00
  - Youth Attendee Rate: \$75.00
  - Exhibitor: \$595.00

You can also register a group. [Learn More](#)

#### Description

Join us for this event dedicated to the programs & issues related to serving youth!

Why attend this year's event?

- Hear from colleagues who run programs to support literacy, transition, disability services and employment for young adults.
- Special session on implementing WIOA
- Network with the best and the brightest in the northeast
- Lots of fun ways to meet your colleagues and share ideas!

- [Event Home](#)
- [Event Contact Information](#)

## ***RESOLUTION REQUEST FORM NO. 20***

### ***MISCELLANEOUS***

***\*Please List All Other Requests Not Covered by Previous Resolution Request Forms Here.  
Please attach any backup information available and be as detailed as possible.***

**DEPARTMENT NAME: Employment and Training Administration**

**DATE: February 22, 2016**

- (a) Purpose of Request: **New 10-year lease agreement with the New York State Department of Labor**
  
- (b) Details: **Warren County Office of Employment and Training (ETA) and New York State Department of Labor have an "Office Space Permit Agreement" that expired on December 31, 2014. ETA has continued to lease as a tenant at will until a new lease agreement has been negotiated. NYS issued a "request for information" with proposals due on 11/24/14. At least five property owners submitted proposals. NYS entered into a new lease agreement to occupy space on the third floor of 333 Glen Street, Glens Falls. It is the desire of ETA to continue to sub-lease space to provide comprehensive employment and training programs to the residents of Warren County. The cost of the lease is governed by Federal Regulation OMB Circular A-87 and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 as all costs are paid with federal funds. ETA will pay NYS an estimated \$57,796.48 per year based on the attached details.**
  
- (c) Previous Resolution Number: **206 of 2010 and 802 of 2009**
  
- (d) Where are the Funds (if required)? List Budget Code, Object Code, Full Title\* and Amount: **41 4791 6293 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act \$57,796/annually (est.)**

**Sample: A.8021 470 Planning & Community Development – Contract**

**\* as listed in budget and LOGOS**

Calculation of annual rent for 333 Glen Street as attached to an email dated 12/3/15 from P. Danaher, NYS DOL Property Office

11-25-15

Warren County Employment & Training Administration (WCETA)

Third Floor at 333 Glen Street is 10,176 sq.ft Rentable

-8,600 sq.ft. usable

**1,576 sq.ft. building common area**

A. All values were from the OGS Pro Calcs. sheet for 10 years:

Rent: \$1,526,400

Oper/Taxes: \$132,727 (estimated total cost over 10yrs.)

Electric: \$145,821 (estimated total cost over 10yrs.)

Heat: \$58,328 (estimated total cost over 10yrs.)

Data/Telecom: \$30,985 (installation cost to be spread over 10yrs)

$\$1,894,261 / 10\text{yrs.} = \$189,426.10 / 10,176 \text{ sq.ft.} = \underline{\underline{\$18.62 \text{ per sq.ft.}}}$

B. WCETA Staff Percentages as per 11/18/15 Conference Call

**Common Areas 7 staff out of 23 total = 30%**

**Career Center Shared Areas 5 staff out of 18 total = 28%**

C. Career Center Common Areas sq.ft.

Hallways 852

Break room, storage, staff baths 1,160

Print / Data area 243

**Total Career Center Common areas 2,255 sq.ft.**

D. Career Center Shared Areas sq.ft.

Entry, waiting, orientation, CPU Lab, conference rooms, resource room and library

**Total One Stop Shared areas 3,720 sq.ft.**

E. Career Center Staff Areas sq.ft.

Open staff desk area 2,052

**Total One Stop Open Staff areas 2,052 sq.ft.**

F. WCETA Direct Space (2 offices)

**Total WCETA Direct areas 337 sq.ft.**

G. Calculations

Building **Common** Area: 1,576 sq.ft. X 30% = 473 sq.ft.

Career Center **Common** Areas: 2,255 sq.ft. X 30% = 677 sq.ft.

Career Center **Shared** Areas: 3,720 sq.ft. X 28% = 1,042 sq.ft.

Career Center **Staff** Area: 2,052 sq.ft. X 28% = 575 sq.ft.

County **Direct** Area (2 offices): 337 sq.ft.

**Total WCETA Sq.ft. = 3,104 sq ft**

H. Annual WCETA Rent

3,104 sq ft X \$18.62 per sq.ft = \$57,796.48 per yr. (or \$4,816.37 per month)



New York State Department of Labor  
 David A. Paterson, Governor  
 M. Patricia Smith, Commissioner

**OFFICE SPACE PERMIT AGREEMENT**

THIS PERMIT, made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of January 2010, between THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, acting by and through the DEPARTMENT OF LABOR hereinafter referred to as "PERMITTOR", with offices located at the Northway Plaza, Queensbury, New York 12804, and the Warren County Office of Employment & Training, herein after referred to as the "PERMITTEE".

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, PERMITTOR desire to become a tenant at the Division of Employment & Workforce Solutions Office located at Northway Plaza, Queensbury, New York 12804 (the "Premises"); and

WHEREAS, PERMITTEE desires to use and occupy a portion of the Premises for employment and training purposes; and

WHEREAS, PERMITTOR desires to grant to PERMITTEE a permit to use and occupy a portion of the Premises for such purposes.

Now, in consideration of the mutual covenants, terms, and conditions set forth below, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. PERMITTOR grants to the PERMITTEE a Revocable Permit (the "Permit") to use and occupy **2,117 sq. ft. of space.**
2. PERMITTOR expressly warrants to PERMITTEE, as a material term of this Permit that it has the authority to grant the Permit to PERMITTEE for the full term set forth herein.
3. This Permit shall be for a term beginning on **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010** (the "Commencement Date") and ending on **December 31st, 2015**. *[Handwritten initials]*
4. The PERMITTEE shall use and occupy the Permit Space for employment and training purposes and such other services as are agreed to by the parties. PERMITTOR agrees that in addition to PERMITTEE, said Permit Space shall be used and occupied by PERMITTEE's agents, invitees and business guests as approved/agreed to by PERMITTOR.
5. The hours of operation of this Permit shall be from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
6. The PERMITTEE shall pay to the PERMITTOR a Permit Fee of **\$20.25 per sq. ft equal to \$42,869.25 per annum**, to be paid in equal monthly installments, on or before the first day of each month during the term of this Permit Agreement and mailed to: NYS Department of Labor, SOBC-Building 12-Rm. 464, Albany, New York 12240. The remittance check shall be made payable to the "New York State Department of Labor" and contain the statement: "Fee for Space, Use and Occupancy of Department of Labor Northway Plaza, Queensbury, New York 12804." Such Permit Fee shall be inclusive of all cleaning, electricity, and other costs related to the use, occupation, operation, and maintenance of the space. Telephone costs are not included

in this agreement.

7. The PERMITTEE shall comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, and if the PERMITTEE fails to so comply, PERMITTOR shall have the right to take whatever steps may be necessary to achieve compliance. Any cost or expense incurred by PERMITTOR shall be added to the next installment of the Permit Fee coming due, including interest thereon, and all remedies herein affecting such fee shall also apply to such added amounts.

8. PERMITTOR shall have the right to enter the premises at any time for the purpose of making an inspection.

9. If the PERMITTEE: (a) deserts the Permit Space; (b) defaults in the payment of the Permit Fee or any part thereof; (c) sells, assigns, mortgages, pledges or sublets this Permit; (d) defaults in the performance of any of the terms, conditions or covenants of this Permit which the PERMITTEE is to keep and perform; (e) fails to comply with any Federal, State, or local law, ordinance rule or regulation applicable to the Permit Space after written notice by PERMITTOR; or (f) files a petition in bankruptcy or is adjudicated a bankrupt or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or takes advantage of any insolvency act, PERMITTOR may, at any time thereafter, terminate this Permit and the term thereof, on giving to the PERMITTEE or the legal representatives of the PERMITTEE and any person occupying the premises, thirty (30) days prior written of its intention to terminate this permit. Upon the giving of such notice, this Permit and the term thereof shall terminate on the date fixed in such notice as if such date were the date originally fixed in this Permit for the termination or expiration thereof. Such notice addressed to the Permit Space may be given by mail to the PERMITTEE, or the legal representatives of the PERMITTEE or any person occupying the Permit Space.

10. In addition to any other remedies which PERMITTOR may have, PERMITTOR may apply for and obtain an injunction to enforce PERMITTOR'S rights.

11. PERMITTOR shall not be liable for any damage to personal property or injury by elements or rain or storm water, which may be sustained by the PERMITTEE or other person or for any damage or injury resulting from the carelessness, negligence or improper conduct on the part of any person, or by reason of the breaking, leakage or obstruction of the water or soil pipes, or other leakage in or about any structure on the premises.

12. The PERMITTEE shall save harmless and indemnify the People of the State of New York, the PERMITTOR, their officers and employees from and against any and all claims, suits, actions, cost and expense involving injury to person or property arising out of the use and occupancy of the premises. The PERMITTEE, if not a self-insured governmental entity, agrees to obtain and maintain in force throughout the duration of this Permit a General Hazard and Comprehensive Public Liability Insurance Policy having coverage limits of not less than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in the event of injury to any one person, and Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in the event of injury to two or more persons while in and about the demised area. The PERMITTEE shall deliver certificates of such insurance to the PERMITTOR prior to the beginning of the term of this Permit and thereafter not less than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of any such policy. All such policies shall contain a provision that PERMITTOR shall receive at least thirty (30) days notice prior to material change or cancellation.

13. PERMITTEE understands and agrees that, pursuant to law, all employees in the hire of the PERMITTEE shall be adequately and properly covered by Workers' Compensation Insurance on all work in and about the Permit Space or the building in which such Permit Space is located. All non-municipal PERMITTEES further understand and agree that Disability Benefits coverage

shall be similarly provided to all employees in its hire. The PERMITEE shall notify PERMITTOR at least thirty (30) days prior to material change or cancellation of such coverage.

14. PERMITTOR may at any time terminate this Permit on giving to the PERMITTEE, or the legal representatives of the PERMITTEE, sixty (60) days prior written notice of its intention to terminate this permit. Upon the giving of such notice, this Permit and the term thereof shall terminate on the date fixed in such notice, as if said date were the date originally fixed in this Permit for the termination or expiration thereof.

15. PERMITTEE may at any time terminate this Permit on giving to the PERMITTOR, or the legal representatives of the PERMITTOR, sixty (60) days prior written notice of its intention to terminate this permit. Upon the giving of such notice, this Permit and the term thereof shall terminate on the date fixed in such notice, as if said date were the date originally fixed in this Permit for the termination or expiration thereof.

16. The PERMITTEE shall not: (a) sell, assign, mortgage or pledge this Permit; (b) let or underlet the whole or any part of the Permit Space; or (c) occupy or allow the Permit Space to be occupied for any business other than specified herein or for any immoral or illegal purpose.

17. The waiver or breach of any of the terms, conditions or covenants of this Permit by either party shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach thereof.

18. Holding Over - PERMITTEE will have no right to remain in possession of all or any part of the Permit Space after the expiration of the term absent the written permission of PERMITTOR. If PERMITTEE remains in possession of all or any part of the Permit Space after the expiration of the term, with or without the consent of PERMITTOR: (a) such use and occupancy will be deemed to be a periodic permit from month to month only; (b) such use and occupancy will not constitute a renewal or extension of this Permit for any further term; and (c) such use and occupancy may be terminated by PERMITTOR upon the earlier of thirty (30) days prior written notice or the earliest date permitted by law. If, however, PERMITTOR has vacated its portion of the leased space, upon holding over PERMITTEE shall be responsible for PERMITTOR'S total monthly cost of renting the entire space. If, in the alternative, PERMITTOR either holds over or enters a new lease, PERMITTEE'S hold over rent shall be adjusted accordingly.

19. IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED that the terms, conditions and covenants contained in this Permit shall be binding upon the parties hereto and upon their respective successors and legal representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Permit to be executed in duplicate originals the day and year first written above.

**PERMITTEE: Warren County Office of Employment & Training**

NAME: Fredrick H. Monroe  
(type or print)  
Chairman

*Fredrick Monroe*  
Signature

TITLE: Board of Supervisors  
(type or print)

6/27/10  
Date

WITNESS: Wanda J. Smith  
(type or print)

*Wanda J. Smith*  
Signature

**NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

By: *Roger Baillie*  
Roger Baillie  
Director of Finance

7/15/10  
Date

*Karen A. Coleman*  
Karen A. Coleman  
Director  
Division of Employment and Workforce Solutions

1/19/10  
Date

Approved as to Form:

*J.P. Manning*  
Warren County Attorney

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

## RESOLUTION NO. 206 OF 2010

Resolution introduced by Supervisors Strainer, Girard, Stec, VanNess, Sokol, Taylor and Bentley

### AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 802 OF 2009; AMENDING THE RATES AND EARLY TERMINATION CLAUSE IN THE AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FOR LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE - EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 802 of 2009 authorized an agreement with the State of New York Department of Labor ("State") for lease of office space at a rate of Forty Thousand Seventy-Four dollars and Eighty-One Cents (\$40,074.81) per year with a provision for early termination per agreement terms, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Employment & Training Administration has advised that the State has increased the rate to Forty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$42,869.25) per year and that the early termination provision has been changed to terminate by either party upon sixty (60) days written notice per the agreement terms, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 802 of 2009 is hereby amended to reflect the changes described in the preambles of this resolution, and be it further

RESOLVED, that other than the changes described in the preambles of this resolution, Resolution No. 802 of 2009 shall remain in full force and effect.

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 802 OF 2009

Resolution introduced by Supervisors Simmes, Bentley, Girard, Stec, VanNess, Sokol and Taylor

## AUTHORIZING OFFICE SPACE LEASE RENEWAL WITH STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FOR LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE - EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, the current office space lease agreement with the New York State Department of Labor expires December 31, 2009 and the Director of Employment and Training Administration has requested approval to renew the agreement with the New York State Department of Labor for a period of up to five (5) years for the term to commence January 1, 2010 and terminating December 31, 2015 at the current rate of Forty Thousand Seventy Four Dollars and Eighty-One Cents (\$40,074.81) per square foot per year with a provision for early termination per agreement terms, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be, and hereby is, authorized to execute an office space lease renewal agreement with the New York State Department of Labor upon the following terms, 1) for an annual amount not to exceed Forty Thousand Seventy-Four Dollars and Eighty-One Cents (\$40,074.81), 2) for a term commencing January 1, 2010 or earlier and terminating December 31, 2015, and 3) with provisions for early termination by either party per agreement terms, in a form approved by the County Attorney.

# Warren County

## Employment & Training Administration

Chris A. Hunsinger  
Director

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PO Box 4393  
Queensbury, NY 12804

Telephone (518) 743-0925  
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### Report to Health, Human and Social Services Committee

#### Comparison of GED vs. TASC High School Equivalency Diplomas

February 22, 2016

#### Warren County Employment and Training Youth Program:

<u>Year</u>	<u># Taken</u>	<u># Passed</u>	<u>% Passed</u>
GED Exams			
2012	22	17	77%
2013	13	9	69%
TASC Exams:			
2014	5	3	60%
2015	16	14	87%

#### New York State:

<u>Year</u>	<u># Taken</u>	<u># Passed</u>	<u>% Passed</u>
GED			
2012	44,200		54%
2013	52,934		59%
TASC			
2014	24,442		50%

TheHechinger Report

# Pass rates dip and test takers decrease after first year of new high school equivalency exam

by MEREDITH KOLODNER

February 10, 2015

Preliminary numbers released Monday showed a slight dip in the percentage of students passing New York's new high school equivalency exam, while the number of New Yorkers taking the test dropped by almost half from two years ago.

In 2014, about 50 percent of New Yorkers who took the new exam passed, down from 54 percent of those who took former exam, the GED, in 2012. The number of test takers last year dropped to 24,442, down 45 percent from 44,200 in 2012.

(In 2013, the last year of the more familiar and formerly less difficult GED exam, the number of test takers surged to 52,934, the most since 2008, and 59 percent passed.)

Last year, new high school equivalency exams were introduced nationwide in an effort to update the decade-old General Educational Development (GED) test and align it with new high school standards, known as the Common Core, adopted by a majority of states. A few states, including New York, opted out of the revised GED and are administering a new alternative — the Test Assessing Secondary Completion, or TASC — also linked to Common Core.

While the revised GED has a \$120 price tag and must be taken on a computer, the 2014 TASC costs only \$54 for the complete exam, can still be taken on paper and will incorporate the new tougher standards more gradually over three years.

**In 2014, about 50 percent of New Yorkers who took the new high school equivalency exam passed, down from 54 percent of those who took former exam, the GED, in 2012.**

"It's a good test," New York State Education Deputy Commissioner Kevin Smith said Monday, while acknowledging that some improvements are still necessary.

"We hear all the time that there are questions on this exam that are way too difficult and are not appropriate, even for the traditional high school system," he said.

**Related: The GED is out and Common Core is in**

A report from Smith to the state Board of Regents released Monday states that the agency has worked closely with McGraw-Hill, the company that designed the test, to give guidance on the content and difficulty of the exam. The impact of that input “should be seen in the 2015 and 2016 versions of the test,” the report states. A new version of the test will be released by McGraw-Hill in the next few months; there will also be “minor changes” to the scores required to pass the exam.

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New York State Education Deputy Commissioner Kevin Smith

While pass rates in New York are lower than the national average (50 percent compared with 60 percent nationally), state officials note that the overall decline in scores on the high school equivalency exam statewide was about four percentage points, much less than the decline in states where the GED was offered. Similarly, while the number of New York test takers declined in 2014 by 45 percent compared with 2012, the number of test takers in states offering the GED dropped by an average of 63 percent.

The report also acknowledges the challenge of preparing 5,500 adult education instructors to teach the new tougher standards. So far, the report states, 49 Master Teachers have been trained who, in turn, have trained 662 instructors.

Smith said more resources would help to bring pass rates up.

“If you’re asking me if I think we should invest more in this population,” said Smith. “Yes, yes, a thousand times yes.”

*This story was produced by The Hechinger Report, a nonprofit, independent news organization focused on inequality and innovation in education.*

SCHEDULE "A"  
**AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND MEETING OR CONVENTION**

**Check one:**

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- Out-Of State (needs Board resolution)

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(Please check documents attached)

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**For Overnight Travel**

- Room rate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ GSA\* Rate \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Meal costs - GSA \*per diem rate \$56.00

\*[www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov)

Date: 2/22/16

Chris A. Hensing  
Department Head Signature

Date: February 22, 2016

Matthew Gal  
Committee Chairman Signature

Please refer to the Warren County Travel Policy and County Vehicle Use Regulations for general policy guidelines.

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Please check to request a fleet vehicle.

**REQUEST FOR USE OF FLEET VEHICLE**

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