



Date: March 22, 2010

Topic: Proposed Chancellor's Regulation A-415

Date of Panel Vote: March 23, 2010

Summary of Proposed Chancellor's Regulation A-415

Chancellor's Regulation A-415 is a new regulation. Pursuant to state law, it establishes a system whereby parents, staff and elected officials may voluntarily subscribe to receive emergency notifications through electronic text messages, phone calls and/or electronic mail. Education Law Section 409 was amended to require that on or before January 1, 2010, the Chancellor promulgate a regulation implementing an emergency alert notification system to convey timely information concerning emergency incidents or occurrences that pose an imminent threat to the health or safety of a substantial number of students, faculty and staff at a particular educational facility or program. Such emergency alert notification system must employ a variety of communication methods including the automated delivery of text messages, phone calls and/or electronic mail and to parents, faculty, staff, and elected representatives, who subscribe to receive emergency alert notifications. By emergency declarations dated December 29, 2009 and March 2, 2010, the Chancellor implemented the regulation to preserve the health, safety and general welfare of the students and school system as a whole and to comply with Section 409 of the Education Law.

Summary of Issues Raised in Written and Oral Comments and Significant Alternatives Suggested

No written or oral comments regarding this proposal were received.

Analysis of Issues Raised, Significant Alternatives Proposed and Changes Made to the Proposal

The DOE has made no changes to the regulation. The regulation will be presented to the PEP as it is posted.

A copy of the regulation can be obtained at <http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/ronlyres/6CD79BF3-24B6-46D6-BA23-79309DA56B60/75833/A415USETHIS.pdf>.