Quality Review – Selection Criteria 2011-2012

Formal Quality Reviews

Schools that meet at least one of the following criteria will have a formal Quality Review during the 2011-12 school year:

- 2010-11 Quality Review of Underdeveloped
- 2010-11 Progress Report of F, D, or third C in a row (08-09, 09-10, and 10-11)
- Schools in the 10th percentile or below of the Progress Report scores
- Schools in their 3rd year of existence (that did not have a formal Quality Review in 2010-11)
- Schools identified as Persistently Lowest Achieving (PLA) by New York State Education Department (NYSED)
- All schools that have not had a review since 2007-08 (that do not qualify for a peer review)
- A portion of schools chosen from a lottery, within districts, that have not had a review since 2008-09 (and that do not qualify for a peer review); those schools in the lottery that do not receive a review this year will receive one in 2012-13

QR-JITs

Schools identified by the NYSED as PLA and subject to a Joint Intervention Team (JIT) review are required to undergo a collaborative, NYSED/NYCDOE, QR-JIT Review. The QR-JIT will follow both City and State guidelines, and the alignment of these processes will limit the number of days of disruption to the school community.

Other Notes:

- Schools that meet one or more of the criteria on the above list and have an Interim Acting (IA) Principal will be reviewed only after the IA Principal has been in place for six (6) months of the school year.
- Schools that have (or will have) two Progress Reports, and qualify for a QR as a result of one of the Progress Reports, will have a Quality Review for the whole school.
- Schools that are adding grades (e.g., a growing 6-12 secondary school without grades 11 and 12) will only have a Quality Review if they meet one or more of the criteria on the above list.

Alternative Quality Reviews

Developing Quality Reviews (DQR)

Schools that received a Quality Review score of **Developing** in 2010-11, *and do not meet any of the other above criteria for a formal Quality Review* (e.g. F, D, or third C in a row on the Progress Report or JIT/PLA status), will experience a 1-day review from their network team, called a Developing Quality Review (DQR), in 2011-12, and have a formal Quality Review again in 2012-13. More information about this new process, and related training for principals and network teams, will be posted on-line by October 15th.

Peer Quality Reviews (PQR)

Schools that fit the following criteria will have the option of undergoing a Peer Quality Review (PQR) in lieu of a formal Quality Review. PQRs will be scheduled by clusters and network teams and conducted

with principals trained and, whenever possible, from within the same network. The final report to the schools will not be used for school or principal accountability measures and will not be made public, posted on the DOE website, etc. However, it is necessary to have this information available to cluster leaders and on file centrally with the Division of Academics, Performance, and Support for use by future reviewers. Schools that opened in 2010-11 have the option of a PQR. If this option is not exercised the school will have a formal Quality Review in 2011-12.

- Schools that have not had a review since 2008-09, and have shown sustained gains, maintaining three consecutive years of "A" Progress Report Grades in 08-09, 09-10, and 10-11, have the option of a PQR. If this option is not exercised the school will remain in the 4-year cycle for a formal Quality Review, during either 2011-12 or 2012-13.

New Schools (NSQR)

Schools opening in the fall of 2011 will have a New School Quality Review (NSQR). As in the past two years, these 1-day reviews will be conducted by the network team. The final report to the school will not be used for school or principal accountability measures and will not be made public, posted on the DOE website, etc. However, it is necessary to have this information available to cluster leaders and on file centrally with the Office of New Schools and the Division of Academics, Performance, and Support for use by future reviewers.

If you have any questions, please contact qualityreview@schools.nyc.gov.