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**To:** BOCES District Superintendents  
Superintendents of Public School Districts  
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**Subject:** New NYS School Health Examination Form Implementation Year

In July 2017, the Board of Regents adopted amendments to Commissioner's Regulations §136.3 that became effective on July 1, 2018.<sup>1</sup> The amendments require that reports of health examinations of students for school are submitted on the [Required NYS School Health Examination Form](#) for physical examinations completed on or after July 1, 2018.

**However, for the 2018-19 school year, we are requesting that schools accept all physical examination reports, regardless of whether the new form has been utilized.** This is the first year of implementation, and we have received feedback from medical providers through their professional organizations that since the form is not an Electronic Health Record (EHR) compatible form, it is difficult for the providers to utilize, thus we strongly encourage schools to accept all physical examination reports, regardless whether the new form is utilized.

Over the upcoming months, we will be working with medical providers through their professional organizations to develop a format that can be utilized in EHRs. We would also welcome any feedback on the new forms from the field.

Please feel free to contact the Office of Student Support Services if you have questions, [studentsupportservices@nysed.gov](mailto:studentsupportservices@nysed.gov) or at 518-486-6090.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/717brca19.pdf>