**SED Update**

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**Timelines for Transition of State Assessments to Unified English Braille** provides information regarding the timeline for the transition of State assessments to Unified English Braille (UEB) as well as information on the ordering of textbooks and instructional materials in UEB code.

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/2017-memos/documents/timelines-for-transition-of-state-assessments-to-unified-english-braille-2017.pdf>

**A.G. Schneiderman and State Education Commissioner Elia Issue Reminder That New York State Protects Transgender Students** provides school districts across New York State with the reminder that they have independent duties under state and local law to protect transgender students from discrimination and harassment in their schools and at all school functions.

<http://www.nysed.gov/news/2017/ag-schneiderman-and-state-education-commissioner-elia-issue-reminder-new-york-state>

* **Guidance to School Districts for Creating a Safe and Supportive School Environment For Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students**

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/dignityact/documents/Transg_GNCGuidanceFINAL.pdf>

* **Dignity for all Students Act: Results of Statewide School District Survey and Guidance Implementation**

<https://ag.ny.gov/sites/default/files/dasa_-_dear_colleague_letter_oag-sed_guidance_document.pdf>

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