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The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and the CAEP Work Group have been revising and
exchanging feedback on the language in the New York State (NYS) draft partnership agreement. They have reached an
agreement on the language in the document. For institutions of higher education that pursue CAEP accreditation, the draft
partnership agreement describes CAEP’s and the State’s responsibilities, the scope of accreditation (e.g., programs that
are categorized as Advanced Level Programs in NYS), and the accreditation cycle (e.g., composition of site visit teams in
NYS). The next step is that the Department will send the draft partnership agreement to School of Education Deans in May
for their feedback. The CAEP Work Group will consider the feedback and then will present their recommended partnership
agreement to the Department.
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Dr. Anael Alston has been appointed to the position of Assistant Commissioner of the Office of Access, Equity and
Community Engagement Services. He most recently served as the Superintendent of Schools for the Hamilton Central
School District. He was also the principal of Great Neck North Middle School and Robert M. Finley Middle School in Glen
Cove. For his work as a leader, Dr. Alston has been recognized at the state and national levels, including New York State
Principal of the Year. He has written for regional and national publications and has presented at national and statewide
conferences on school change and curriculum reform. We are excited that he has joined œᇠ0Yea鋠ᦠAdva〗퀀rk Group wi˦筐pခ匑ㄥ栉耀ᢐrogramāḀ