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TO: School Owners and Directors, Appearance Enhancement Schools

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SUBJECT: Appearance Enhancement Statistics

Section 126.9(a)(15) of the Commissioner's Regulations states:

**(15) the pass rate of the school's graduates for any license or certificate examination required by the State for employment in a specific vocational, trade or career field for which the school provides training programs. Such information shall be for a reporting period defined by the commissioner.**

The New York State Department of State provides the Bureau of Proprietary School Supervision with annual statistics of the pass/fail rates for the appearance enhancement licensing exams by school name. Like the New York State Education Department, the Department of State is facing serious budget constraints. Their computer system is quite old. They no longer feel the data is reliable. The statistics have to be individually entered, and their reliability has suffered. The Department of State has indicated to the Bureau that the statistics are not reliable, and as such, should not be considered accurate.

Although the Commissioner's Regulations require that these statistics be provided, it is not in keeping with this requirement if the statistics are unreliable.

The statistics that are currently on our web site will be removed. It is probable that these statistics will not be available in the future.

Should you have any questions regarding this, please contact me by e-mail at [cyates@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:cyates@mail.nysed.gov).