At its May 2015 meeting, the New York Board of Regents, by emergency regulation, created a safety net for the Academic Literacy Skills Test (ALST). If you receive a failing grade on the ALST, you can ask the Dean of a higher education institution to submit an “attestation” form by June 30, 2016. In that form, a Dean attests that you have completed coursework (listing the specific course by name) in which you demonstrate the skills assessed by the ALST. The form must be sent to New York State directly by the Dean who signs it. A copy of the form, which details the competencies assessed by the ALST, is attached to this email. If the state accepts the attestation, the ALST requirement will be waived and a note to that effect will be placed in your TEACH file.

Complete information about the ALST and other safety nets may be found here:

http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/certexamsafetynets.html

Students who wish to apply for the safety net using an attestation from CCNY should meet all of the following criteria:

- Have a GPA of 3.0;
- Have taken the ALST and received a failing grade;
- Have passed all other required tests, including the EAS, the edTPA, and the content specialty test(s) for their area.

If you have met all of the criteria above, but have substituted a passing grade on the ATSW for your edTPA score, you may apply. If you have passed all other tests and have submitted the edTPA, you may apply while you are waiting for your edTPA score.

All cases will be reviewed on an individual basis. You may apply by clicking on the link at the end of this message. Please note that you will need to provide information about your score on the ALST and on the other certification tests you have taken.

If coursework taken here at CCNY meets the ALST criteria the Dean will sign the attestation. If the coursework to be substituted for the ALST was taken at another institution, you will need to return to the higher education institution that awarded your undergraduate degree to have your transcript reviewed by that Dean.

You will be notified if and when the attestation is forwarded by the CCNY School of Education to the New York State Office of Teaching Initiatives and can check your online TEACH account to monitor progress after that point.

To apply for the ALST Safety Net go to:

http://education.ccny.cuny.edu/alst