## **Policy Information**

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## SUBJECT: PROGRAM INITIATION

Services of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services shall be designed to supplement, advise, support and strengthen the activities and programs of the local school districts. Programs operated by BOCES shall comply with the current requirements of Education Law, Regulations of the Commissioner and recognized standards of practice unless specifically exempted by the State Education Department.

Generally, cooperative programs and services should avoid duplicating, overlapping or emphasizing responsibilities that properly belong to local school districts. Component district officials and Department personnel are encouraged to be involved in the planning and decision-making leading to the establishment and operation of shared service programs. All new programs should be initiated on the basis of need as determined by the local school district, State Education Department and/or BOCES officials.

The District Superintendent in consortia with staff and component districts, shall endeavor to establish new programs that are needed to more effectively meet the needs of students, adults, school districts and/or the State Education Department. The District Superintendent is authorized to use all necessary legal procedures to accomplish those objectives.

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