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TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: MaryEllen Elia

SUBJECT: Appointment of Deputy Commissioner of the Office of Cultural Education

DATE: March 13, 2017

AUTHORIZATION(S):

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Will the Board of Regents approve my appointment of Mark Schaming to the position of Deputy Commissioner of the Office of Cultural Education?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Mark Schaming will bring to the Deputy Commissioner position extensive knowledge and experience in preserving New York's cultural resources and transforming them into vessels for learning for all New Yorkers. Mr. Schaming has more than 20 years of experience in cultural education at the State Museum where he currently serves as the Assistant Commissioner. He started his career in the Department as Director of Exhibitions, Education and Public Programs and worked as the curator on several notable exhibitions including *New York Remembers: September 11, 2001* at the State Museum, and *The Hall of New York* and *The New York State Hall of Governors* exhibitions at the State Capital. He also serves as the chair of the NYS Regents Advisory Council for Museums. His extensive experience will be an asset as he serves in this role.

Proposed Handling

The Board of Regents will review Mr. Schaming's credentials and experience in Executive Session on March 13, 2017.

Recommendation

I recommend that you take the following action:

VOTED, that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Mark Schaming to the position of Deputy Commissioner effective March 14, 2017.