




**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

**FROM:** MaryEllen Elia

**SUBJECT:** Appointment of Deputy Commissioner for  
P12 Instructional Support

**DATE:** June 3, 2019

**AUTHORIZATIONS:** 

**Issue for Decision**

Will the Board of Regents approve my appointment of Dr. Kimberly Young Wilkins to the position of Deputy Commissioner for P12 Instructional Support?

**Reason for Consideration**

Dr. Wilkins will bring to the Deputy Commissioner position extensive experience in education. Most recently, Dr. Wilkins served as Assistant Commissioner for Innovation and School Reform where she oversaw the Department's efforts to implement New York's School Receivership program in schools identified as Struggling and Persistently Struggling, as well as selected grant programs intended to increase student results in low-performing schools. Prior to joining the Department in 2017, Dr. Wilkins served the Albany community throughout her career in education, starting as a teacher in alternative programs in 1989 and acting as the interim superintendent of schools in the Albany City School District. Dr. Wilkins holds a doctorate in educational leadership from Sage Graduate School, a master's degree in social studies education from the University at Albany and a bachelor's degree in American history from Regents College. Dr. Wilkins' vast experience as a leader in the Education field will be an asset as she serves in this role.

**Proposed Handling**

This recommendation will come before the full Board of Regents at its Executive Session for discussion during the June 2019 Regents meeting and then come before the full Board for final action at the Board's Public Session in June 2019.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Dr. Kimberly Young Wilkins to the position of Deputy Commissioner for P12 Instructional Support.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

If the Board of Regents approves the recommendation, she will start in her new role on July 5, 2019.

VOTED, that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Dr. Kimberly Young Wilkins to the position of Deputy Commissioner for P12 Instructional Support.