



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: MaryEllen Elia
SUBJECT: Appointment of Assistant Commissioner of Special Education
DATE: September 13, 2016
AUTHORIZATIONS:

Issue for Decision

Will the Board of Regents approve my appointment of Chris Suriano to the position of Assistant Commissioner of Special Education?

Reason for Consideration

Chris Suriano will bring to the Assistant Commissioner position extensive knowledge and experience in the field of Special Education. Since 2013, he has been Executive Director of Specialized Services in the Rochester City School District. Previously, he worked for the Department in the P-12 Office of Special Education for almost 13 years with his last position as Coordinator in Education of Children with Disabilities. Mr. Suriano started his career as a Special Education Teacher in the Livingston-Wyoming ARC. His extensive experience will be an asset as he serves in this role.

Proposed Handling

The Board of Regents will review Mr. Suriano's credentials and experience in Executive Session on September 13, 2016.

Recommendation

I recommend that you take the following action:

VOTED, that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Chris Suriano to the position of Assistant Commissioner of Special Education effective September 13, 2016.