



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: David M. Steiner
SUBJECT: Appointment of Assistant Commissioner for Data Systems
DATE: October 6, 2010

AUTHORIZATION(S):

Issue for Decision

Will the Board of Regents approve my appointment of Ken Wagner to the position of Assistant Commissioner for Data Systems?

Reasons for Consideration

Ken Wagner is currently the Data Director at the New York State Education Department. He is responsible for managing the internal resources and external partnerships necessary to design and implement a P-20 statewide longitudinal data system and instructional reporting and improvement system. Ken is charged with ensuring that the data system will meet federal and State compliance requirements, support the Commissioner's and Board of Regents' reform initiative, and inform educational policy and practice.

As Data Director, Ken provides oversight of project management and sub-project activities, including the coordination of effort among program and information technology (IT) staff, project vendors, Regional Information Center (RIC) personnel, and local educational agencies (LEAs).

Ken also manages external funding sources, including two federal grants, a State Capital fund appropriation, and the data system allocations contained in the Race to the Top award.

Prior to coming to the State Education Department in March of 2009, Ken served as Program Administrator for Student Data Services at the Suffolk Regional Information Center / Eastern Suffolk BOCES. In this role, he supervised the data warehouse and test scanning services for regional customers, including oversight of customer support,

database and reporting requirements, as well as policies and planning related to data collection/reporting procedures. Ken also served as the Director of Administrative Services for Shoreham-Wading River Central School District and Principal of Prodell Middle School.

Ken holds a Ph.D. from Hofstra University in School/Clinical Psychology. He also received 30 credits from Long Island University at C.W. Post in School District Administration.

Proposed Handling

The Board of Regents will review Mr. Wagner's credentials and experience in Executive Session on October 6, 2010. It will then come before the full board for final action in October 2010.

Recommendation

I recommend that you take the following action:

VOTED, that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Ken Wagner to the position of Assistant Commissioner for Data Systems effective immediately.

Attachment