



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: MaryEllen Elia
SUBJECT: Appointment of Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Innovation and School Reform
DATE: September 16, 2015

AUTHORIZATIONS:


Executive Summary

Issue for Decision

Will the Board of Regents approve my appointment of Cheryl Atkinson to the position of Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Innovation and School Reform?

Reason for Consideration

Cheryl Atkinson will bring to the Assistant Commissioner position extensive experience in Public Education serving in positions in large, midsize and small districts with diverse demographics. She currently serves as the Chief Ombuds Officer for the Syracuse City School District and was chosen due to her experience with successfully raising achievement and graduation rates for all students, along with implementing effective program models and innovative alternative approaches. Prior to her current role, she has served as the Vice President with Success For All (SFA), Superintendent, DeKalb County School District in Georgia, Superintendent, Lorain City Schools in Ohio and Deputy Superintendent, Missouri School District in Kansas City. She began her career as a Teacher in the Vance County Schools in North Carolina. Her extensive experience in many leadership positions will be an asset as she serves in this role.

Proposed Handling

The Board of Regents will review Cheryl Atkinson's credentials and experience in Executive Session on September 16, 2015.

Recommendation

I recommend that you take the following action:

VOTED, that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Cheryl Atkinson to the position of Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Innovation and School Reform effective in October 2015.

Attachment