



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

**FROM:** John King

**SUBJECT:** Appointment of Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Special Education

**DATE:** July 16, 2012

**AUTHORIZATIONS:**

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Executive Summary

**Issue for Decision**

Will the Board of Regents approve my appointment of Jim DeLorenzo to the position of Assistant Commissioner for Special Education?

**Reason for Consideration**

Jim DeLorenzo will bring to the Assistant Commissioner position extensive knowledge and experience in the area of P-12 Special Education. He has many years of special education experience as he began his career as a Reading Specialist and Special Education Teacher. Jim came to the Department 24 years ago and is currently the State Director of Special Education. Prior to these positions, he was in a number of roles throughout the Department's Office of Special Education including Statewide Coordinator, Regional Office Supervisor and Unit Coordinator. Prior to coming to the Department, he served as an Assistant Director, Children and Youth Services and as a Coordinator of Nonresidential Services at the NYS Office of Mental Health. He has a thorough understanding and knowledge of all issues surrounding P-12 Special Education.

**Proposed Handling**

The Board of Regents will review Mr. DeLorenzo's credentials and experience in Executive Session on July 16, 2012.

**Recommendation**

I recommend that you take the following action:

VOTED, that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Jim DeLorenzo to the position of Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Special Education effective July 18, 2012.