



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

**FROM:** Elizabeth R. Berlin

**SUBJECT:** Appointment of Senior Deputy Commissioner  
for Education Policy

**DATE:** November 4, 2019

**AUTHORIZATIONS:** *Elizabeth R. Berlin*

**Issue for Decision**

Will the Board of Regents approve my appointment of John D'Agati to the position of Senior Deputy Commissioner for Education Policy?

**Reason for Consideration**

Dr. John D'Agati will bring to the Senior Deputy Commissioner position more than 20 years of experience in higher education, most recently as the Deputy Commissioner for Higher Education at the Department for eight years. Prior to that, Dr. D'Agati served in positions at Empire State College, the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering at the University of Albany and the State Senate Higher Education Committee. Dr. D'Agati holds a Doctor of Philosophy and a Master's in Public Administration for SUNY Albany and a bachelor's degree from the Rochester Institute of Technology. John's vast experience at the Department and as a leader in the Higher Education field will be an asset as he serves in this role.

**Proposed Handling**

This recommendation will come before the full Board of Regents at its Executive Session for discussion November 4, 2019 Regents meeting and then come before the full Board for final action at the Board's Public Session November 5, 2019.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Dr. John D'Agati to the position of Senior Deputy Commissioner for Education Policy.

**Timetable for Implementation**

If the Board of Regents approves the recommendation, he will start in the position November 6, 2019.

VOTED, that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Dr. John D'Agati to Senior Deputy Commissioner for Education Policy.