




TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Betty A. Rosa

SUBJECT: Appointment of Dr. Jeffrey A. Matteson to the Senior Deputy Commissioner for Education Policy

DATE: November 2, 2023

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Will the Board of Regents approve my appointment of Dr. Jeffrey A. Matteson to Senior Deputy Commissioner for Education Policy?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Dr. Jeffrey A. Matteson's distinguished career has been marked by a dedication to ensuring equitable access to quality education for all students, empowering them to learn, grow, and thrive. His career in educational leadership spans local, state, and national levels, embodying a lifelong commitment to excellence.

For nearly a decade, Dr. Matteson has provided strong leadership as the District Superintendent of the Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES). Prior to this role, he served as a superintendent of a school district in the Southern Tier. Dr. Matteson's career began in the classroom where he made a positive impact as a social studies teacher and assistant principal. His journey continued as he assumed principalship roles at both middle and high school levels, shaping the educational experiences of students in New York and Vermont.

Dr. Matteson's contributions have extended beyond the localities in which he has worked. He has been a valuable member of various state workgroups, offering expertise on critical topics such as Graduation Measures, computer science education, work-based learning, and ESSA implementation, among others. His commitment to a comprehensive P-20 approach to education is evident in his collaborative efforts with local businesses, service on economic development boards, and the development of regional career and technical education opportunities.

Dr. Matteson's impact on education extends nationally, as he actively participated in the National Board Certification workgroup and provided invaluable insights during the TEACHNY roundtable discussions.

In addition to his administrative roles, Dr. Matteson has shared his wealth of knowledge as an educator at the college level and as a dedicated doctoral thesis advisor. He also assumed the role of chair of the BOCES District Superintendents, where he played a pivotal role in leading the state's response to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Matteson holds a Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership from Regent University in Virginia, an M.Ed. in Educational Leadership from Castleton State College in Vermont, a B.A. in Social Studies from SUNY Cortland, and an A.A. in Liberal Arts from SUNY Morrisville.

Dr. Matteson's unwavering commitment to the betterment of education, embodying the values and aspirations of our educational community support the priorities of the Board of Regents and New York State Education Department.

Proposed Handling

This recommendation is to appoint Dr. Jeffrey A. Matteson to the position of Senior Deputy Commissioner for Education Policy. This appointment will come before the Full Board of Regents for final action on November 14, 2023.

Procedural History

Not applicable.

Background Information

Not applicable.

Related Regent's Items

Not applicable.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED: It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Dr. Jeffrey A. Matteson 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 on December 4, 2023.