TO:	The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents
FROM:	Betty A. Rosa
SUBJECT:	Appointment of Yufan Huang to Assistant Commissioner and Lead Data Officer
DATE:	July 14, 2025
AUTHORIZATION(S):	

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Will the Board of Regents approve my appointment of Yufan Huang to Assistant Commissioner and Lead Data Officer?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Dr. Yufan Huang is an experienced research scientist and evaluator with over 20 years of experience in human services, social science, and data analytics. He holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in Criminal Justice from the University at Albany and a B.S. in Law from Zhongshan University in China. Currently serving as SED's Executive Director of Information and Reporting Services (IRS), he oversees data reporting from all educational entities for the Department as well as leading and coordinating with regional data warehouse teams. His leadership efforts have been essential to the ongoing development of the Statewide Longitudinal Data System in collaboration with the Governor's Office and multiple partnering state agencies.

Prior to his work at the Department, he was a Research Scientist 4 at the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) where he led teams in child protective services, foster care, and adoption services. His responsibilities included federal and fiscal reporting, predictive analytics, and the development of actuarial tools.

Dr. Huang has deep expertise in program evaluation, data management, and statistical modeling, with advanced proficiency in SPSS, SAS, STATA, and Oracle SQL. He has led and contributed to numerous impactful projects, such as the implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act, Raise the Age legislation, and studies on financial exploitation and juvenile justice risk assessments.

His skill set includes research design, psychometrics, communication, and leadership. Known for his analytical rigor and ability to manage complex projects, Dr. Huang is a respected leader who mentors teams and delivers data-driven insights to inform policy and practice. He is committed to public service and advancing evidence-based decision-making.

Proposed Handling

This appointment will come before the Full Board of Regents for action at its July 2025 meeting.

Recommendation

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

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Yufan Huang to Assistant Commissioner and Lead Data Officer.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents approves the recommendation, the appointment will be effective July 15, 2025.