



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: David M. Steiner
SUBJECT: Appointment of Assistant Commissioner for Innovative School Models
DATE: October 6, 2010

AUTHORIZATION(S):

Issue for Decision

Will the Board of Regents approve my appointment of Sally Bachofer to the position of Assistant Commissioner for Innovative School Models?

Reasons for Consideration

Sally Bachofer is currently the Executive Director of the Office of Innovative School Models at the New York State Education Department. She is responsible for setting the Department's policy environment to support the creation of bold new education options for the students and families in the State of New York. The Office of Innovative School Models oversees the performance management of the State's innovative schools and public charter schools, as well as the new school turnaround office.

Sally has worked in the field of education policy for over ten years, at the local, state and national level. Prior to joining the New York State Education Department, she served as Director of Knowledge for the National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA). At NACSA, Sally led the creation of model policies, practices and procedures that defined quality in the area of charter school oversight. Sally joined NACSA as the Western Regional Manager, leading professional standards of practice work with charter school authorizers in the western states, through the organization's *Priority States Initiative*.

Sally's previous public service was as the State Manager for School Evaluation at the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, where she led the implementation of the Commonwealth's State Accountability System. Sally also

served as the Coordinator of Accountability in the Charter Schools Office, overseeing all accountability, school review and school evaluation activities for the 61 charter schools in the Commonwealth. She was a Research Associate for Expeditionary Learning Outward Bound, a New American Schools school reform model, evaluating model implementation and student academic performance outcomes. Sally started her career in public education with the San Diego Unified School District.

Sally holds an AB from Bryn Mawr College, and an Ed.M. in Administration, Planning and Social Policy from the Harvard University Graduate School of Education.

Proposed Handling

The Board of Regents will review Ms. Bachofer's credentials and experience in Executive Session on October 6, 2010. It will then come before the full board for final action in October 2010.

Recommendation

I recommend that you take the following action:

VOTED, that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Sally Bachofer to the position of Assistant Commissioner for Innovative School Models effective immediately.

Attachment