



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: David M. Steiner
SUBJECT: Appointment of Counsel and Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs
DATE: April 5, 2011
AUTHORIZATIONS:

Summary

Issue for Decision

Will the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Richard J. Trautwein to the position of Counsel and Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs effective May 1, 2011?

Reason for Consideration

The appointment of Richard J. Trautwein as Counsel and Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs will provide continuity and leadership in the Office of Counsel. Mr. Trautwein brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in law and legislation in the State Education Department and the education system in New York State. He has a strong commitment to the important work of the Department regarding the law governing education and the protection of children.

Mr. Trautwein has over 23 years of progressively responsible experience in the State Education Department, as a Senior Attorney and Assistant Counsel. He has experience in all areas of the Office of Counsel including, litigation, appeals, chartering and incorporations, State aid to schools, charter schools, rule making and drafting regulation, legislation, and technical assistance and counsel on education issues to the Board of Regents, Commissioner, Executive Staff and Department staff.

Prior to joining SED, Mr. Trautwein worked at private law firms in Rochester and Buffalo, NY, and with the New York State Appellate Division, 4th Department.

Proposed Handling

The Board of Regents will review Mr. Trautwein's credentials and experience in Executive Session on April 5, 2011.

Recommendation

I recommend that you take the following action: VOTED, that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Richard J. Trautwein to the position of Counsel and Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs, effective May 1, 2011.