



**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents  
**FROM:** John King  
**SUBJECT:** Appointment of Deputy Counsel  
**DATE:** July 18, 2011

**AUTHORIZATIONS:**

**Executive Summary**

**Issue for Decision**

Will the Board of Regents approve my appointment of Alison B. Bianchi to the position and title of Deputy Counsel?

**Reason for Consideration**

The appointment of Alison B. Bianchi will provide leadership and management in the Office of Counsel. Ms. Bianchi is currently an Assistant Counsel in the Office of Counsel and has served in several other capacities in the State Education Department since 2006, including assignments in the Project Management Office, and the Office of State Assessment. She has prior experience as a Public Policy Analyst with the New York State Legislature. Ms. Bianchi brings valuable experience in Education Law to the Deputy Counsel position. She has demonstrated a strong commitment to the work of the Department and the education and protection of children.

**Proposed Handling**

The Board of Regents will review Ms. Bianchi's credentials and experience in Executive Session on July 18, 2011.

**Recommendation**

I recommend that you take the following action:

VOTED, that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Alison B. Bianchi to the position of Deputy Counsel effective July 21, 2011.