




TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Elizabeth R. Berlin

SUBJECT: Appointment of Associate Commissioner for the Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages

DATE: November 4, 2019

AUTHORIZATIONS: 

Issue for Decision

Will the Board of Regents approve my appointment of Elisa Alvarez to the position of Associate Commissioner for the Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages?

Reason for Consideration

Ms. Elisa Alvarez will bring to the Associate Commissioner position more than 27 years of experience, most recently holding the position of Executive Director of Differentiated Learning in the New York City Department of Education's Multilingual Learners Central Office. Ms. Alvarez has worked in education for more than 27 years, most recently holding the position of Executive Director of Differentiated Learning in the New York City Department of Education's Multilingual Learners Central Office. In her time at NYCDOE, Ms. Alvarez has held several leadership positions including serving as District 7 Community Superintendent, Middle School Principal for ten years and has extensive experience working with English language learners and students with disabilities. Ms. Alvarez is currently pursuing her doctorate from St. John's University and as well holds a Master's in Science degree for School Administration & Supervision from Touro College, a Master's in Science degree for Special Education-Bilingual from Hunter College and a bachelor's degree from Lehman College. Ms. Alvarez's vast experience in Bilingual Education will be an asset as she serves in this role.

Proposed Handling

This recommendation will come before the full Board of Regents at its Executive Session for discussion November 4, 2019 Regents meeting and then come before the full Board for final action at the Board's Public Session November 5, 2019.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Ms. Elisa Alvarez to the position of Associate Commissioner for the Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents approves the recommendation, she will start in the position in late November 2019.

VOTED, that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Ms. Elisa Alvarez to the position of Associate Commissioner for the Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages.