



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Elizabeth R. Berlin

SUBJECT: Appointment of Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Accountability

DATE: November 4, 2019

AUTHORIZATIONS: *Elizabeth R. Berlin*

Issue for Decision

Will the Board of Regents approve my appointment of Jason Harmon to the position of Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Accountability?

Reason for Consideration

Mr. Harmon will bring to the Assistant Commissioner position nearly 15 years of experience in the field of education and school improvement, most recently as the Chief, Bureau of School Improvement in the Department's Office of Accountability's ESSA-Funded Programs unit. Mr. Harmon has been with the Department since 2013, where he began his career at SED as an Associate in Educational Improvement Services in the Office of Accountability. Prior to coming to the Department, he worked at the Greater Southern Tier BOCES. Mr. Harmon holds a Master of Science in Education from Elmira College. Mr. Harmon's vast experience as a leader in the area of School Improvement will be an asset as he 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 Mr. Jason Harmon to the position of Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Accountability.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents approves the recommendation, he will start in the position effective November 6, 2019.

VOTED, that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Mr. Jason Harmon to Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Accountability.