



**TO:** The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents  
**FROM:** Betty A. Rosa  
**SUBJECT:** Appointment of Dr. Santosha Oliver to Assistant Commissioner,  
Office of Standards and Instruction  
**DATE:** April 18, 2023

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**

**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Decision**

Will the Board of Regents approve my appointment of Dr. Santosha Oliver to Assistant Commissioner, Office of Standards and Instruction, in the Office of Education Policy?

**Reason(s) for Consideration**

Dr. Santosha Oliver will bring to the Assistant Commissioner, Office of Standards and Instruction, position extensive experience working as an instructional leader at the district and school levels. Dr. Oliver has dedicated her career to ensuring all students receive a high-quality education. She has advanced through an accomplished tenure of administrative and instructional leadership positions. Her most recent role has been Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services for Windsor Public Schools in Windsor, CT. Prior to that she served as the Director of Teaching and Learning for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics for Manchester Public Schools in Manchester, CT. Each role has allowed her to work with a widely diverse range of students and parents and to develop an array of transferable skills that directly relate to the work of the New York State Education Department.

In her previous role, she was responsible for data analysis, grant writing, standardized testing, teacher evaluation, professional development, educational policy, and educational budget development.

Prior to her role as Assistant Superintendent, she was recruited for turnaround success at a STEM elementary school, which was recognized by the Governor and Commissioner of Schools in Connecticut.

Dr. Oliver holds a PhD in Biomedical Sciences from the University of Connecticut and a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Morgan State University. Additionally, she holds educational leadership certifications from the University of Connecticut and Sacred Heart University.

### **Proposed Handling**

This appointment will come before the Full Board of Regents for final action at its April 2023 meeting.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Dr. Santosha Oliver to the position of Assistant Commissioner, Office of Standards and Instruction, in the Office of Education Policy.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

If the Board of Regents approves the recommendation, the appointment will be effective April 18, 2023.

VOTED: that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Dr. Santosha Oliver to the position of Assistant Commissioner, Office of Standards and Instruction, in the Office of Education Policy.