




**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

**FROM:** MaryEllen Elia

**SUBJECT:** Appointment of Assistant Commissioner for the Office of School Governance, Policy, and Religious and Independent Schools.

**DATE:** September 12, 2017

**AUTHORIZATIONS:** 

**Issue for Decision**

Will the Board of Regents approve my appointment of Christina Coughlin to the position of Assistant Commissioner for the Office of School Governance, Policy, and Religious and Independent Schools?

**Reason for Consideration**

Christina will bring to the Assistant Commissioner position knowledge and experience in education finance. Christina started her career with the NYS Division of Budget-Education Unit where she analyzed policy, data, fiscal and program issues related to education in New York. In 2013, she came to the Department to lead the Educational Management Services Unit where she provides policy advice to the Board and the Commissioner as they develop the Regents State Aid proposal. Her experience and vast knowledge of education finance will make her an asset as she serves in this role.

**Proposed Handling**

The Board of Regents will review Ms. Coughlin's credentials and experience in Executive Session on September 12, 2017.

**Recommendation**

I recommend that you take the following action:

VOTED, that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Christina Coughlin to the position of Assistant Commissioner for the Office of School Governance, Policy, and Religious and Independent Schools.