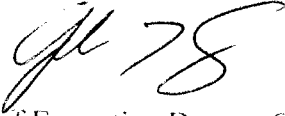




TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: John King 
SUBJECT: Appointment of Executive Deputy Commissioner
DATE: June 21, 2011

AUTHORIZATIONS:

Issue for Decision

Will the Board of Regents approve my appointment of Valerie Grey to the position and title of Executive Deputy Commissioner?

Reason for Consideration

The Department will re-establish the role of the Executive Deputy Commissioner to provide increased coordination and a single point of direction within the State Education Department (SED). This will enable the Department to build a strong Executive Team by improving coordination and encouraging cross functional initiatives and cooperation. The title of Chief Operating Officer will be eliminated.

Reporting directly to the Commissioner, Valerie Grey will oversee the day-to-day management, operations and administration of the State Education Department. Ms. Grey has over 20 years of public sector management and policy experience. She currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer for SED. Prior to joining SED, she served as the Director of State Operations for New York State, and as First Deputy Secretary to the Governor. She also served as the Assistant Deputy Secretary for Health and Human Services, and has held other public sector positions at the Department of Health, Office of the State Comptroller and NYS Assembly. All of which have provided her with excellent experience and skills needed for the Executive Deputy Commissioner role.

Proposed Handling

The Board of Regents will review Ms. Grey's credentials and experience in Executive Session on June 21, 2011.

Recommendation

I recommend that you take the following action:

VOTED, that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Valerie Grey to the position of Executive Deputy Commissioner effective June 22, 2011.