

# THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, NY 12234

TO:

The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM:

John King (fl.)

**SUBJECT:** 

Appointment of Deputy Commissioner for the Office of Higher

Education

DATE:

June 21, 2011

**AUTHORIZATIONS:** 

## **Issue for Decision**

Will the Board of Regents approve my appointment of John D'Agati to the position of Deputy Commissioner for the Office of Higher Education?

# Reason for Consideration

John D'Agati will bring to the Deputy Commissioner position extensive experience in Higher Education. As the Director of the New York State Senate, Higher Education Committee, he developed and negotiated higher education initiatives and policies including financial aid and scholarship programs for students. He was co-director of the Legislative Commission on Science and Technology where he focused on improving higher education partnerships, and enhanced telecommunications policies. He is currently the Director, Governmental Relations, for the Empire State College, State University of New York. Mr. D'Agati has also served as Associate Vice President for Economic Development and Outreach at the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering, University at Albany.

## **Proposed Handling**

The Board of Regents will review Mr. D'Agati'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 John D'Agati to the position of Deputy Commissioner for the Office of Higher Education effective July 18, 2011.