

## **NY Appoints Interim Education Commissioner**

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ALBANY, N.Y. - Retired state official Carole Huxley has been named interim education commissioner by New York state's Board of Regents.

The 71-year-old Huxley starts work in May. She'll become interim commissioner on July 1, when Education Commissioner Richard Mills leaves the \$195,000-a-year post.

The state Education Department says Huxley is expected to serve for a few months, until a new commissioner is named.

Huxley retired in 2006 as deputy commissioner of cultural education. Her areas of focus included libraries and public broadcasting.

She and her husband live in Loudonville, an Albany suburb.

Her pay will be prorated on the education commissioner's annual salary. Huxley will continue to draw a \$72,000 annual pension, plus Social Security.

### **Retired Official to be Interim Regents Commissioner Woman had 24 years in education post**

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ALBANY - The Board of Regents announced Tuesday that a retired top official in the state Education Department will begin July 1 as interim commissioner.

Regents named Carole Huxley, who worked 24 years as deputy commissioner for cultural education before retiring in November 2006. She will begin state service on May 15, working with outgoing Commissioner Richard Mills until he steps down at the end of June.

Mills has been commissioner since 1995 and an educator for more than 40 years. He gave notice in November to the Board of Regents, which has set up a search committee for a permanent commissioner.

"We are grateful that after such a long and distinguished career Carole Huxley was willing to temporarily place her retirement on hold to

continue the critical work the regents have put in motion," Regents Chancellor Merryl Tisch said in a statement.

This is a time of great challenges and opportunities that cannot be set aside, even for a few months, Huxley said in the statement.

"I am eager to continue the work under way and to guide the progress ahead until new leadership is ready to take on the task," she said.

Huxley will be paid at the salary of a deputy commissioner - \$155,521 a year - between May 15 and June 30. When she becomes interim commissioner, she will earn \$195,165 a year, the same as Mills makes, according to the Education Department.

Mills called Huxley an "inspired choice."

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### **Retiree Called Back to Serve Regents pick 24-year veteran to assume reins of Education Department**

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ALBANY - The state Board of Regents is bringing a veteran administrator out of retirement to serve as interim education commissioner.

Carole Huxley, who retired in 2006 as deputy commissioner for cultural education after 24 years with the department, will start working alongside Education Commissioner Richard Mills next month and take over after Mills leaves office at the end of June.

"We are grateful that after such a long and distinguished career Carole Huxley was willing to temporarily place her retirement on hold to continue the critical work the Regents have put in motion," said Merryl Tisch, chancellor of the Board of Regents. "Having Carole in place will ensure a seamless transition in leadership as the Board continues a wide and exhaustive search for the next Education Commissioner. Carole will be the bridge that connects the leadership of Rick Mills with the next commissioner."

Huxley said: "Now is a time of great challenges that we cannot set aside, but must confront. This is also a moment that presents great opportunities that we cannot set aside, even for a few months. I am eager to continue the work underway and to guide the progress ahead until new leadership is ready to take on the task."

Mills announced his retirement in November. A search for his successor continues.

At the time of her retirement, Huxley oversaw the 3,000-employee department's library as well as its museum and archives.

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