

THE BOARD OF REGENTS
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THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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Dear Colleagues and Friends:

Commissioner Mills has announced that he will be stepping down as Commissioner in June 2009, after fourteen years of service. The Board of Regents and I are seeking your help in finding the next person to serve as New York State Education Commissioner and President of the University of the State of New York. The Board is looking for a visionary leader to guide the Department through the next phase of education reform. In this next phase, we will lift the level of achievement for all, significantly raise the State's graduation rate, and close the gaps in achievement that persist for certain segments of our student population. The challenges are great and the need for a dynamic leader to continue our reform efforts is critical.

If you think you have what it takes to meet these challenges, please click on the link below and consider applying.

<http://www.oms.nysed.gov/press/search>

If you know of a qualified candidate, please ask that individual to apply or nominate them and the search committee will investigate their interest. The Board of Regents is receiving nominations for the position of New York State Education Commissioner by mail at:

Commissioner Search
PO Box 127
Albany NY 12201-0127

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Bennett