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Superintendents welcome new State Education Commissioner

Albany, NY – July 27, 2009 – “Superintendents across New York State welcome David Steiner as the State’s next Education Commissioner,” said Dr. Thomas Rogers, executive director of the State Council of School Superintendents.

Rogers’ comments came after the State Board of Regents announced the selection of Dr. Steiner to succeed Richard Mills, who retired in June after 14 years of service.

Rogers noted “We were encouraged that in his news conference comments today, Dr. Steiner echoed many of the priorities the Council has been stressing – the needs for a richer school curriculum, for better assessments of students and their teachers, for an aggressive preschool through college data system, and for effective regulation of charter schools.”

“Superintendents play the pivotal role in translating the policies developed by state leaders into practices that can work in communities all across the state,” Rogers said. “We look forward to building a relationship with the new Commissioner that will lead to policies that benefit children we serve throughout our state.”

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The New York State Council of School Superintendents is the professional association of more than 700 superintendents and other school district leaders.