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State Council of School Superintendents commends Regents and Commissioner King on appointment of Cosimo Tangorra as new Deputy Commissioner for P-12 Education

The New York State Council of School Superintendents today commended State Education Commissioner John King and the Board of Regents on their appointment of Cosimo Tangorra as Deputy Commissioner for P-12 Education (prekindergarten through grade 12).

Council Executive Director Robert Reidy said, “Cosimo Tangorra is an exceptional leader and advocate for children. His dedication to always doing the right thing for the children and communities he has served as superintendent has been extraordinary. He will be a tremendous asset to our state and all our schools in his new role.”

Cosimo Tangorra has been superintendent of the Central Valley School District since its inception as the result of a merger between the Ilion and Mohawk school districts effective July 1, 2013. He previously served as superintendent of the Ilion Central School District for five years and played a leadership role in the consolidation efforts. He also served as superintendent in Oppenheim-Ephratah and Trumansburg and is in his second term as a member of the Executive Committee of the New York State Council of School Superintendents.

Reidy added, “Through his 12 years as a superintendent, Cosimo has helped lead four different districts in translating statewide policies into local practices that could be effective for those communities. Those experiences give him great preparation for helping lead our State Education Department now.”

Tangorra succeeds Kenneth Slentz who stepped down earlier this month after four years in leadership roles in the State Education Department to become superintendent of the Skaneateles Central School District in Onondaga and Cayuga Counties.

Reidy added, “Ken Slentz performed an invaluable role in keeping local perspectives on the table in state policy discussions. Our members are grateful for his service to our state and our schools. We wish him the very best as he returns to the work of leading a local school system.”

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The New York State Council of School Superintendents is a professional and advocacy organization with over a century of service to school superintendents and assistant superintendents in New York State. The Council provides more than 800 members with professional development opportunities, publications and personal support while advocating for public education and the superintendency.