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July 2009 Board of Regents Information

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For July, only a brief meeting to appoint the new SED commissioner is available on-line along with the July 27th news conference with Commissioner Elect Steiner. Many of the questions posed were related to teacher preparation programs. To view the news conference, go to:

<http://pointers.audiovideoweb.com/stcasx/1c2win1721/regentspresseredit.wmv/play.asx>

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For the Commissioner's July Report to the Board of Regents, go to:

<http://oms32.nysed.gov/comm/2009/0709commrep.htm>

For a complete listing of the reports and materials for the July Board of Regents meeting, go to: <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/meetings/2009Meetings/July2009/0709monthmat-new.html>

The Full Board discussed the following:

Education

Dr. David Steiner was appointed as the new Commission of the State Education Department

The Regents are studying graduation rates data and the results of the decision to phase out local diplomas for general education students. They also discussed the impacts of NCLB reporting requirements. The Regents expect to issue new policy decisions in the fall of 2009.

Site Visits

The Regents made site visits to several sites in the Buffalo area: the Charter School for Applied Technologies, a business-oriented K-12 school with a 100% graduation rate, and the Community School 53, a school that offers a full day summer program and is a East Delvavan Library Literacy Site (Read to Succeed Buffalo), Frank Lloyd Wright's Darwin D. Martin House Complex, and the Birchfield Penny Art Center at Buffalo State College.

Funding

Race to the Top – A brief oral report was provided on the progress of the NYS grant applications. The US Dept. of Education has published revised guidelines with final documents expected in October 2009.