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**Connecticut State Board of Education
Hartford**

To Be Proposed:

March 6, 2024

Resolved, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-3a of the Connecticut General Statutes and Article IV of its Bylaws, approves the appointment of Monique Coates, Director, Office of Internal Audit, effective March 22, 2024, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

Approved by a vote of _____ this sixth day of March, Two Thousand Twenty-Four.

Signed: _____
Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Secretary
State Board of Education

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To: State Board of Education

From: Donald F. Harris, Jr., Chair
Finance, Audit, and Budget Committee

Date: March 6, 2024

Subject: Appointment of Director, Office of Internal Audit

I recommend that the State Board of Education appoint Ms. Monique Coates as Director of the Office of Internal Audit, effective March 22, 2024.

Attached is Ms. Coate's resume for your review. Not only does she have broad experience in auditing and examining accounts and documents in four state agencies over the past 17 years, but she also currently leads a team of ten (10) financial professionals at the Department of Children and Families. It should be noted that two (2) years of her professional experience was working in the State Department of Education Internal Audit Unit under previous Director Gloria McCree. Her professional experience and familiarity with the agency and OIA mission are unique and valuable qualifications.

Ms. Coates received her bachelor's and master's degree in business administration, and accounting and taxation from the American International College in Springfield, MA, and is a Certified Public Accountant.

I am confident that Ms. Coates will be an effective leader for the Office of Internal Audit and an asset to the agency.

Prepared by: _____
Keith M. Norton
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