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## State Education Department Appoints Dr. William Johnson as Monitor for the Hempstead Union Free School District

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(Garden City, NY) — New York State Education Department Interim Commissioner Shannon Tahoe today announced the appointment of Dr. William Johnson as the State Monitor for the Hempstead Union Free School District. Recently enacted legislation introduced by State Senator Kevin Thomas (D-Levittown) requires the Commissioner to appoint one monitor for both academic and fiscal issues in the district. Dr. Johnson has decades of experience in both academic leadership and financial management roles in school districts on Long Island.

"Ensuring stability and a brighter future for the students of Hempstead is our number one priority in appointing Bill Johnson as the State Monitor," Board of Regents Chancellor Betty A. Rosa said. "The Board and I advocated taking this next, more authoritative step in Hempstead to provide real avenues to redress the inequities that have plagued the schools and community for so long. The district needs focused, continued support and we know that there is much work to be done to best serve each child in the Hempstead School District."

"Dr. Johnson has a deep understanding of the unique challenges facing Long Island students. With a proven track record of success and over 30 years of service as a superintendent, his unique knowledge and experience will guide district leaders and help Hempstead students achieve their fullest potential," said Senator Kevin Thomas.

Under legislation included in the Enacted Budget, Dr. Johnson will provide oversight, guidance and technical assistance related to the educational and fiscal policies, practices, programs and decisions of the school district, the Board of Education and the superintendent.

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#### RELATED LEGISLATION

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### **2019-S7321**

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- Introduced
  - ◦ In Committee Assembly

- In Committee Senate
  
- ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly
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- ◦ Passed Assembly
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- Delivered to Governor
  
- Signed By Governor
  
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Authorizes the appointment of a monitor to oversee the Hempstead union free school district; repealer

January 17, 2020

Signed by Governor

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