March 5, 1999

Mr. Tyrone Bynoe PO Box 8973 Albany, NY 12208

Dear Mr. Bynoe,

The New York State School Boards Association would like to thank you for taking time out of your schedule to be interviewed by our Board of Directors on February 27, 1999, in conjunction with your candidacy for the Board of Regents. It is genuinely inspiring to know that so many qualified individuals are committed to advancing the cause of education in New York State.

The Association's Board of Directors has completed comprehensive evaluations of 21 nonincumbent candidates and the one incumbent candidate for the three seats on the State Board of Regents. These seats represent Judicial District 3 and two at-large positions.

In order to facilitate its review, the Association's Board relied on standards based on the criteria it had developed for evaluating members of the Board of Regents. These standards are: leadership; a familiarity with current issues facing education; a willingness to seek input from diverse groups; and, a commitment to maintaining high ethical standards, particularly with regard to conflicts of interest. The Board of Directors paid close attention to the candidates' vision for the future of education in New York State with particular emphasis being placed on education at the elementary and secondary levels.

On the basis of this criteria, the Board of Directors has determined that you be recommended for appointment to the State Board of Regents. A letter containing candidate ratings has been sent to the Legislature for their review. The large number of qualified candidates seeking a position on the Board of Regents this year made our decisions difficult ones and we regret that every candidate could not receive the Association's highest endorsement.

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Executive Director

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