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## CHANGE IN CONTACT AT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

TO: Editors, Education Reporters, and Assignment Desk Editors

FROM: Stefan Pryor, Commissioner of Education

DATE: March 27, 2012

SUBJECT: Change in Contact at State Department of Education

Effective Wednesday, March 28, the State Department of Education will welcome to its ranks Jim Polites, who will serve in the role of Director of Communications and Community Partnerships. This position was established as part of the new reorganization plan adopted by the State Board of Education in January.

This new position expands and enhances the current Communications Director position, which was held on an interim basis by Mark Linabury following the retirement of Tom Murphy in 2011.

Mr. Linabury will resume his previous role as Bureau Chief in the Bureau of Choice Programs effective March 28.

Mr. Polites' contact information is as follows:

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Thank you.

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