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Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to introduce you to the Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services (ACCES) within the New York State Education Department. This Office unites the missions and intentions of Vocational Rehabilitation, Adult Education, General Educational Development (GED) Testing and Proprietary School Supervision.

In the fall of last year, the Board of Regents approved this new office as part of a departmental reorganization. The Office of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities (VESID) was abolished; special education was integrated with general education within the Office of P-12 Education; and vocational rehabilitation and adult and continuing education programs were integrated creating ACCES.

The Office of ACCES was created to best respond to the needs of New York State's adult community. With ACCES' unique and specialized focus on education and employment, our key adult service areas share mutual interests that can be maximized through collaboration and unity.

I am pleased to be part of this vital change, which is the result of our work together and all you have done to advocate for those in need of our services. We look forward to continuing to offer you the very best in Adult Career and Continuing Education Services. For more information, please visit www.acces.nysed.gov.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Kevin G. Smith

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