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Dear Superintendents and BOCES Directors,

Good morning! Hope you are all staying warm today.

I don't usually contact you about retirements and job openings—but I know this one is very important to many of you.

After more than three decades of service in education (and 20 years with CDE), Jhon Penn, our Executive Director of Field Services will be retiring in June 2022. He has been an amazing support to the field and an amazing team member at CDE. I will certainly miss him and be planning a party for him in May. We wish him well in his new adventures as a retiree as well as sincerely express our appreciation for the work he has done on behalf of CDE and the field.

We now have the very difficult task of trying to fill his shoes! Here is the link to the [job posting](#) to fill his position. I know you all have great interest in this position—so feel free to share it with candidates you think would be a good fit.

Another posting will be released next week for the Director of Rural Services which became open when Denille LePlatt accepted the position of Executive Director of the South Central BOCES earlier this year.

Thank you so much,

Katy Anthes, Ph.D.
Commissioner

