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Christie Announces Two More Cabinet Appointments

Governor-elect Chris Christie today announced his selection of Bob Martin to serve as Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection and former Jersey City Mayor Bret Schundler to serve as Commissioner of the Department of Education.

Martin, a Hopewell Township business consultant, is a retired senior partner at Accenture, a major business and technology consulting firm. He advised Christie on energy and environmental policy during the campaign and served as the Chairman of the transition team on Energy and Utilities. He ran unsuccessfully for the State Senate in 2007.

Before entering politics, Schundler had a successful career on Wall Street. He ran unsuccessfully for the State Senate in the 31st legislative district in 1991 before winning a special election for Jersey City Mayor in 1992. He was re-elected Mayor in 1993 and 1997. He was the Republican gubernatorial candidate in 2001 but was defeated by former Governor James McGreevey. He ran for Governor again in 2005 but was defeated in the Republican primary. He is currently the chief operating officer at The King's College, a Christian liberal arts school in New York City. Schundler is a strong support of school vouchers and charter schools, both educational policies supported by Christie.

With today's announcement, Christie has named six of his 22 cabinet members.