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Governor Baker Appoints David Cruise to Board of Early Education and Care

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BOSTON — Governor Charlie Baker today announced the appointment of David Cruise to the business representative position of the Massachusetts Board of Early Education and Care (EEC). Mr. Cruise is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Regional Employment Board of Hampden County.

Governor Baker quote

Secretary of Education Jim Peyser quote

“David brings a wealth of experience in building education and training initiatives that help prepare the workforce, meet the needs of employers, and strengthen families and communities,” **said Commissioner Tom Weber**. “David’s expertise will be highly beneficial to our work in advancing the early education and care workforce and system.”

“David’s record as a business leader and school district administrator committed to education and programs that support children’s learning and academic success will be a great asset to the Board,” **said Chair Nonie Lesaux**. “I welcome his appointment and the important perspective and contributions he will bring as we continue to work towards a 21st-century system that promotes learning and development among all children in the Commonwealth.”

“High quality early education programs are critical supports for working families and job seekers, and a necessary resource for Massachusetts’ business community and our state’s economic development overall,” **said David M. Cruise**. “I look forward to helping educational institutions, industry and government advance children’s school and work-readiness and increase economic opportunity for all of the Commonwealth’s citizens.”

About David Cruise:

David Cruise is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Regional Employment Board of Hampden County, Inc. (REB). Mr. Cruise was most recently the Director of Business and Employer Services for the REB and was responsible for directing the design and implementation of the Precision Manufacturing Regional Alliance Project. Previously Mr. Cruise was the Executive Director of Human Resources for the Public Schools of Springfield, Massachusetts. Mr. Cruise is also a member of the Springfield Business Leaders for Education.

About the Board of Early Education and Care:

The Board of Early Education and Care oversees the administration of early education and care and out-of-school time programs in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Under the Board’s oversight and regulations, the Department of Early Education and Care licenses child care programs, residential programs, and adoption/foster care placement agencies; provides financial assistance for over 56,000 children to attend high-quality programs that support their growth, development and learning; and provides information and referral services, inclusive programming for children with special needs, parenting and family support, and professional development opportunities for early educators. The Board of Early Education and Care is comprised of eleven members, two of whom are ex-officio and nine

of whom are appointed by the Governor. For more information on the Board of Early Education and Care, please visit: <https://www.mass.gov/board-of-early-education-and-care>.

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