§ 17-a. Placement of certain director of school facility positions. 1. The legislature hereby finds and declares that the continued, uninterrupted, adequate and efficient operation of school facilities is necessary for the general welfare of the people; that such adequate operation involves and requires personnel with highly specialized ability, skill, training, and knowledge; that local civil service commissions may decide to classify such positions where they constitute bona fide civil service positions as evidenced by factors including enhanced pay, benefits, and dignity of position; that while competitive examination has been deemed practicable for directors of school facilities, to require such examination for valid appointment of current long-standing employees would irreparably disorganize certain school facility operations, endanger the safety of students, and interrupt the continuity and effective performance of important educational operations.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter or any provisions to the contrary contained in any general, special, or local laws, any person holding a permanent competitive class appointment as:

(a) Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds - Albany City School District, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Director of Facilities, Director of Facilities and Transportation, Director of Facilities and Operations - Albany County;

(b) Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds - Allegany County;

(c) Director of School Facilities I, II and III; Director of School Facilities and Operations III - Broome County;

(d) Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds - Cattaraugus County;

(e) Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds - Cayuga County;

(f) Facilities Manager - Forestville School, Maintenance and Transportation Manager - Ripley CSD, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Superintendent of Buildings and Transportation - Dunkirk School District, Senior Building and Maintenance Mechanic - Fredonia CSD, Director of Facilities and Operations and Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds - City of Jamestown - Chautauqua County;

(g) Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds - Chemung County;

(h) Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds - Chenango County;

(i) Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds; Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds II; Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds I; Superintendent of Buildings and Transportation - Clinton County;

(j) Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Director of Facilities, Director of Facilities and Transportation, Director of Facilities and Operations - Columbia County;

(k) Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds - Cortland County;

(l) Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Head Custodian - Franklin CSD, Margaretville CSD & South Kortwright CSD - Delaware County;

(m) Director of Facilities and Operations I, II, III - Dutchess County;

(n) Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds - Erie County;

(o) Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds; Superintendent of Buildings, Grounds and Transportation - Essex County;

(p) Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Director of Facilities and Operations I & II; Director of Facilities - Franklin County;

(q) Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Director of Facilities, Director of Facilities and Transportation, Director of Facilities and Operations - Fulton County;

(r) Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds - Genesee County;

(s) Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Director of Facilities, Director of School Facilities, Director of Facilities and Transportation, Director of Facilities and Operations - Greene County;

(t) Facilities Manager, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Director of Facilities; Head Custodian - South Jefferson Central School; Head Custodian - Thousand Island Central School - Jefferson County;

(u) Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds; Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds; Transportation and Building Maintenance Supervisor - Lewis County;

(v) Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds - Livingston County;

(w) Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds - Madison County;

(x) Director of Buildings and Grounds, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds - Monroe County;

(y) Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Director of Facilities, Director of Facilities and

Transportation, Director of Facilities and Operations - Montgomery County;

(z) Director of School Facilities and Operations I, II, III, IV, Director of School Facilities Planning and Director of School Facilities, Operations and Transportation - Nassau County;

(aa) Director of Facilities and Operations I, Director of Facilities and Operations II - Niagara County;

(bb) Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Plant Manager, Maintenance Supervisor, Head Custodian - Oriskany CSD & New York Mills UFSD - Oneida County;

(cc) Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Director of Facilities, Director of Facilities and Transportation - Onondaga County;

(dd) Director, Director of Buildings and Grounds, Director of Facilities and Operations - Ontario County;

(ee) Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Director of Facilities and Operations, Director of Buildings and Grounds, Director of Building Maintenance and Director of Operations - Orange County;

(ff) Director of Operations and Maintenance, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds - Orleans County;

(gg) Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds - City of Oswego, Manager of Buildings & Grounds & Security - City of Fulton - Oswego County;

(hh) Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds, Head Custodian - Morris CSD, Director of Facilities - Otsego County;

(ii) Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Director of Facilities, Director of Facilities and Transportation, Director of Facilities and Operations - Rensselaer County;

(jj) Director of Facilities I, Director of Facilities II, Director of Facilities III - Rockland County;

(kk) Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds I, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds II, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds & Transportation; Director of Operations - St. Lawrence County;

(ll) Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Director of Facilities, Director of Facilities I, II and III - City of Saratoga Springs, Director of Facilities and

Transportation, Director of Facilities and Operations - Saratoga County;

(mm) Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Director of Facilities, Director of Facilities and Transportation, Director of Facilities and Operations - Schenectady County;

(nn) Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Supervisor of Buildings, Facilities and Grounds, Maintenance Supervisor - Sharon Springs, Head Custodian - Gilboa Conesville, Schoharie County;

(oo) Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Building Maintenance Supervisor - Schuyler County;

(pp) Director of Facilities and Grounds - Seneca County;

(qq) Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Director of Facilities and Operations I, Head Building Maintenance Mechanic - Steuben County;

(rr) Plant Facilities Administrator - Suffolk County;

(ss) Director of Facilities Support and Services I, II, III - Sullivan County;

(tt) Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds - Tioga County;

(uu) Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Maintenance Supervisor, Director of School Facilities and Operations III - Tompkins County;

(vv) Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Director of Facilities and Operations, Director of Operations and Maintenance, Director of Buildings and Grounds, Director of Building Maintenance and Director of Operations - Ulster County;

(ww) Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Director of Facilities - Glens Falls City, Director of Facilities and Transportation, Director of Facilities and Operations - Warren County;

(xx) Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Director of Facilities, Director of Facilities and Transportation, Director of Facilities and Operations - Washington County;

(yy) Director of Facilities and Operations II - Wayne County;

(zz) Director of School Facilities and Operations Maintenance - Westchester County;

(aaa) Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds - Wyoming County;

(bbb) Building and Maintenance Supervisor, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds;

or any other competitive positions not delineated in this section that

are an equivalent competitive position to those listed in this section, who was serving in such capacity on the date the first exam is administered for such position pursuant to section seventeen of this chapter, shall receive a permanent appointment to such position as may be properly classified by the local civil service commission having jurisdiction, without further examination or qualifications and shall have all the rights and privileges of the jurisdictional class to which such position may be allocated.