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Ed Board rep named youth commissioner

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Mayor Giuliani yesterday named Jerry Cammarata, a staunch loyalist on the Board of Education, as his new commissioner for Youth and Community Development.

Cammarata will remain Staten Island's representative on the seven-member school board, although he said he will forgo his \$15,000-a-year board stipend. His new post pays \$133,000 a year.

Soon after Cammarata was named to the school board in 1995, he flip-flopped on a vote that would have made a Suffolk County educator the city's schools chancellor. He first voted yes, then, bowing to pressure from the mayor's side, cast the deciding no vote.

Cammarata was quoted as saying after the vote, "The press

will be on my case for a couple of days, but the mayor will be after me forever."

At the City Hall announcement yesterday, Cammarata joked about his affinity for going along with the mayor and with his political mentor, Staten Island Borough President Guy Molinari.

"There's no happier person in New York City right now than myself, knowing that I've got two bosses behind me," he said, as a laughing Giuliani and Molinari stood behind him.

Giuliani said Cammarata's dual job-holding has been cleared by the Conflicts of Interest Board. And the mayor dismissed the suggestion the appointment is a reward for Cammarata's loyalty on the school board.

"I selected the person best qualified for the job," he said.