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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
333 MARKET STREET, 14TH FLOOR, HARRISBURG, PA 17101

November 21, 2002

James Buckheit, Acting Executive Director
State Board of Education
333 Market Street, 1st Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17126

Re: Regulation #6-276 (IRRC #2253)
State Board of Education
Academic Standards and Assessment for Arts and
Humanities; Health, Safety and Physical Education;
and Family and Consumer Sciences

Dear Mr. Buckheit:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation today. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at www.irrc.state.pa.us.

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that meets the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. McGinley, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

John R. McGinley, Jr.
Chairman
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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Jess M. Stairs, Majority Chairman, House Education Committee
Honorable Nicholas A. Colafella, Democratic Chairman, House Education Committee
Honorable James J. Rhoades, Chairman, Senate Education Committee
Honorable Allyson Y. Schwartz, Minority Chairperson, Senate Education Committee
Charles B. Zogby, Secretary, Department of Education

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held November 21, 2002

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Regulation No. 6-276
State Board of Education
Academic Standards and Assessment for Arts
and Humanities; Health, Safety and Physical
Education; and Family and Consumer Sciences

On January 31, 2002, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Education (Board). This rulemaking amends 22 Pa. Code Chapter 4. The proposed regulation was published in the February 16, 2002 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was initially submitted to the Commission on September 3, 2002, but was subsequently withdrawn to correct some technical errors. The final-form regulation was resubmitted on October 18, 2002.

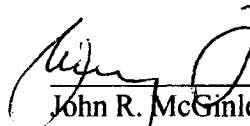
The final-form regulation incorporates three sets of academic standards. The first set describes what students are expected to know by the end of the third, fifth, eighth and twelfth grades for Arts and Humanities. The second and third sets describe what students are expected to know by the end of third, sixth, ninth and twelfth grades for Health, Safety and Physical Education, and Family and Consumer Sciences.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (24 P.S. § 26-2603-B(k)) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This regulation is approved.





John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman