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

September 26, 2002

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

Re: Regulation #6-278 (IRRC #2285)
State Board of Education
Academic Standards and Assessment, High
School Graduation Requirements

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,


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 September 26, 2002

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Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman, by Proxy
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Regulation No. 6-278
State Board of Education
Academic Standards and Assessment, High
School Graduation Requirements

On August 30, 2002, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this regulation from the State Board of Education. This rulemaking amends 22 Pa. Code § 4.24. Notice of proposed rulemaking was omitted for this regulation; it will become effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

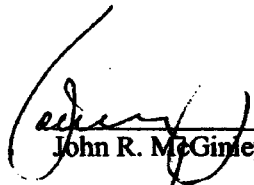
This rulemaking deletes the requirement that school districts place seals of proficiency or distinction on the high school diplomas of students who score at certain levels on the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) tests. School districts will now be required to issue certificates of proficiency or distinction to students who score at those levels on the PSSA tests. School districts will also be required to place PSSA scores on student transcripts.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the State Board of Education (24 P.S. § 26-2603-B(k) and § 32 of Act 88 of 2002) 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