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333 MARKET STREET, 14TH FLOOR, HARRISBURG, PA 17101

January 10, 2008

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

Re: Regulation #6-295 (IRRC #2499)
State Board of Education
Academic Standards and Assessment

Dear Mr. Buckheit:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation today. Our order is enclosed and will be 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,

Arthur Coccodrilli
Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable James J. Rhoades, Chairman, Senate Education Committee
Honorable Raphael J. Musto, Minority Chairman, Senate Education Committee
Honorable James R. Roebuck, Jr., Majority Chairman, House Education Committee
Honorable Jess M. Stairs, Minority Chairman, House Education Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held January 10, 2008

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Regulation No. 6-295 (IRRC #2499)
State Board of Education
Academic Standards and Assessment

On September 26, 2005, 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 November 5, 2005 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on December 4, 2007.

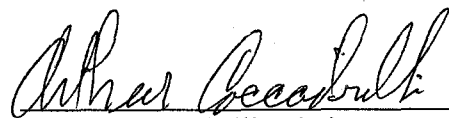
This regulation is a general update of existing Chapter 4 *Academic Standards and Assessment*. The amendments address: general provisions; academic standards and planning; curriculum and instruction; vocational-technical education; assessment; school profiles; and enforcement and implementation.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (24 P.S. §§ 26-2603-B(d)(4)(iv)) 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.




Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman