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RE: State Board of Education Proposed Revisions to
Ch. 4, 11 and 12 Regulations -- Early Childhood Education

Dear Mr. Kaufman:

PSEA supports the Proposed Revisions to Ch. 4, 11 and 12 that have been submitted to you by the State Board of Education. This regulatory package establishes standards for early childhood education programs within Pennsylvania's public schools. It also encourages coordination between public schools and early childhood providers that care for the children who live in the school district. Through such coordination, the many and diverse community programs should all be informed about the school district's Kindergarten curriculum and the skills that will most enable their children to succeed there.

Mr. Edward Donley, the Chairman of the State Board of Education's Early Childhood Committee, did exemplary work with this regulatory package. Mr. Donley, his Committee, and the Department of Education worked together with the stakeholder groups to develop regulations that will move Pennsylvania forward in its pursuit of high quality early childhood education programs.

Thank you for considering our input on these proposed regulations.

Sincerely,

James R. Weaver
President

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