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June 21, 2006

Dear Mr. Buckheit,

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed amendments to the State Board regulations regarding Pre-Kindergarten programs. Not only do the changes further support Pennsylvania's commitment to ensuring high quality from existing programs, I feel that the proposed amendments are more direct and will assist school districts in planning new high quality Pre-Kindergarten programs.

In my role as the Community Engagement Coordinator for Early Childhood Education in Beaver County, I have had several conversations with school districts in my county who were interested in the possibility of starting a new Pre-Kindergarten program, but the guidelines were intermixed with childcare center regulations and there was confusion on the part of the school district as to which regulations they may have to abide by and which ones they did not.

I believe that by specifically addressing a school district's responsibility in providing Pre-Kindergarten programs, not only will the existing programs benefit, but also I believe that more school districts will embrace the challenge of creating a high quality Pre-Kindergarten program because the guidelines will be more clear to them and they will have a better understanding of their responsibilities from the beginning.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my comments. I appreciate the opportunity to provide my thoughts on the work that the Department of Education and the Department of Public Welfare are doing to continually improve the early learning programs in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

Darcy Stiteler  
Project Coordinator  
Beaver County Early Care and Education Council



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July 7, 2006

Ms. Darcy Stiteler  
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Dear Ms. Stiteler:

Thank you for your letter received by this office on July 7, 2006 regarding the proposed prekindergarten regulations contained in 22 Pa. Code Chapters 4, 11 and 12.

Your letter is considered as official public comment and is being shared with all members of the Board, the Chairs of the House and Senate Education Committees and Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC).

The Regulatory Review Act provides that information regarding proposed and final regulations be mailed to those who make official comment at their request. If you would like to receive a copy of the final-form regulation when they are submitted for final approval by the legislative committees and IRRC, please submit a written request to me at the address printed below.

Sincerely,

Jim Buckheit  
Executive Director

Cc: Members of the State Board  
Senator Rhoades  
Senator Musto  
Representative Stairs  
Representative Roebuck  
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