

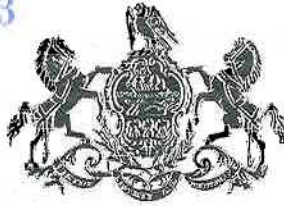
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Re: Chapter 49-2 regulations

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Dear Superintendent Gallagher:

Thank you for your correspondence concerning the Chapter 49-2 regulations, currently in proposed stage.

As evidenced by the enclosed correspondence, I have transmitted your letter to Jim Buckheit, Executive Director of the State Board of Education, for further transmittal to the subcommittee of the Board that is addressing these regulations.

Please be advised that because the current legislative term ended before hearings on these regulations could be held in either the House or the Senate and because concerns continue to be raised from many sectors of the educational community, I am confident that final action on these regulations will not be taken for some time, probably not until next spring. As of today's date, none of the Education Committees have expressed approval of the regulations. It is my understanding that the Board will continue to receive and consider all comments. I would advise you to check the Board's website for further information about the status of these regulations.

Thank you again for your correspondence and your interest in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

RAPHAEL J. MUSTO
State Senator

cc: James Buckheit, Executive Director, State Board of Education

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November 28, 2006

Senator Raphael J. Musto, Min. Chair
Senate Education Committee
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Dear Senator Musto:

I am writing to ask you to oppose the proposed amendments to the State Board of Education's teacher certification regulations (Chapter 49-2) that are now before the Independent Regulatory Review Commission.

I oppose the changes because they will result in less flexibility to staff our elementary schools and may lead to shortages in upper-elementary certified and special education certified teachers. I do not understand why the State Board of Education feels a change from our current K-6 certificate is necessary. The regulations, if finally adopted, would make it more difficult for us to appropriately staff our schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul J. Gallagher', is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

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