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**CENTRAL BUCKS SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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The Central Bucks Schools will provide all students with the academic and problem-solving skills essential for personal development, responsible citizenship, and life-long learning.

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Mr. Kim Kaufman, Executive Director  
Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
333 Market Street  
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Harrisburg, PA 17101

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Dear Mr. Kaufman:

I am writing 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.

The regulations, if finally adopted, would make it more difficult for us to appropriately staff our schools.

The proposed changes to the current certification in elementary and middle school will also create an unnecessary barrier for potential teacher candidates. These changes may cause teacher candidates who want to teach upper elementary school students to opt out of the profession, rather than possibly be assigned to a middle school. The same is true for a teacher who only wants to teach middle school students.

For these reasons, we urge you to request modifications to the proposed Chapter 49-2 regulations to retain existing language for elementary (K-6) and secondary (7-12) certification.

Sincerely,

N. Robert Laws, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

Cc: Board of School Directors  
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