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Mr. Jim Buckheit, Executive Director
State Board of Education
333 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333

Dear Mr. Buckheit:

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 school districts to appropriately staff their schools. There would be a lack of broadly prepared elementary teachers, the inability to integrate curriculum in upper elementary grades, anticipated shortages, and less flexibility to staff elementary schools.

For the above mentioned reasons, the Bethel Park School District urges you to disapprove the Chapter 49-2 regulations.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Knight, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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To lead an educational partnership with the community, maintaining an environment that challenges all students to reach their potential as lifelong learners and responsible members of society.