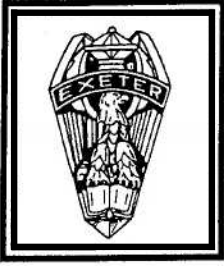


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Dear Mr. Buckheit:

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.

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

- narrow the preparation of elementary certificate holders at a time when teachers are expected to work with a broader range of performance in their classes
- lead to departmentalizing disciplines at lower grades at a time when many curriculum experts are suggesting greater and more natural integration of content
- result in less flexibility to staff elementary schools
- lead to shortages in upper-elementary certified and special education certified teachers.

For the reasons stated, I urge you to reject the proposed amendments to Teacher Certification Regulations.

Sincerely,

Nicholas J. Corbo, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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December 5, 2006

Dr. Nicholas J. Corbo
Superintendent
Exeter Township School District
3650 Perkiomen Ave.
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Dear Dr. Corbo:

Thank you for your letter received by the State Board of Education on November 30, 2006 regarding the proposed Chapter 49 Certification of Professional Personnel regulations.

Your letter is considered official public comment. As such copies are shared with each member of the State Board of Education, the chairs of the House and Senate Education Committees and Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC). Your letter is also considered a public document that may be publicly released upon request.

The Regulatory Review Act provides that notice regarding final regulations be provided to those who make official comment if requested. If you would like to receive a copy of the final-form regulation when it is submitted for final approval by the legislative committees and IRRC, please submit a written request to me at the address listed below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Buckheit".

Jim Buckheit
Executive Director

Cc: Members of the State Board
Senator James Rhoades
Senator Raphael Musto
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Representative James Roebuck, Jr.
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