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**From:** Buckheit, James  
**Sent:** Friday, December 08, 2006 2:10 PM  
**To:** 'Roule, Dennis T'  
**Subject:** RE: Elementary Certification - Take II

State Board of Education  
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December 8, 2006

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Dear Dr. Roule:

Thank you for your letter received by the State Board of Education on December 7, 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 above.

Sincerely,  
Jim Buckheit  
Executive Director

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

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Roule, Dennis T [[mailto:dt\\_roule@conradweiser.org](mailto:dt_roule@conradweiser.org)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 07, 2006 4:52 PM  
**To:** [jbuckheit@state.pa.us](mailto:jbuckheit@state.pa.us)  
**Subject:** Elementary Certification - Take II

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Dear Mr. Buckheit:

I have removed the confidentiality statement under my name and title. Please share my comments and concerns. I appreciate your attention to detail.

Sincerely,  
Dennis Roule

Dear Dr. Roule - Thank you for your comments. However, if you want your comments to be considered as "official" comments, you must submit them without the confidentiality statement under your name and title. Copies of all official comments received are shared with the House and Senate Education Committees, each member of the State Board of Education and Independent Regulatory Review Commission. I cannot share your comments as long as the confidentiality statement is included.

Jim Buckheit  
Executive Director  
State Board of Education  
-----Original Message-----

**From:** Roule, Dennis T [mailto:dt\_roule@conradweiser.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 04, 2006 11:48 AM  
**To:** j buckheit@state.pa.us  
**Subject:** Elementary Certification

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed elimination of the K-6 elementary certificate and the creation of K-3 and 4-8 certificates. I appreciate the developmental and instructional differences in this large age-span but I firmly believe that this change will further fragment the mission of elementary education and foster a "content" focus in grades 4, 5 and 6. NCLB through its HQT mandate has forced the restructure of the middle school in grades 7 and 8 toward a content oriented curriculum. The proposed changes in certification will just make a developmental, process-oriented program much more difficult to sustain in the elementary setting and in the first years of the middle school.

I tried to be brief. I hope I was clear.

Sincerely,

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