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From: Buckheit, James
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2006 8:29 AM
To: 'maddy1psu@cs.com'
Subject: RE: Chapter 49 Comments

Ms. Black - My apologies for the error. My mailbox is overflowing with comments so please forgive my lapse. Thank you for the comments. For the record here is a correctly addressed response.

Jim Buckheit

State Board of Education
 333 Market Street, 1st floor
 Harrisburg, PA 17126 0333
 December 15, 2006

Dear Ms. Black:

Thank you for your letter received by the State Board of Education on December 14, 2006 regarding the proposed Chapter 49 Certification of Professional Personnel regulations.

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Sincerely,

Jim Buckheit

Executive Director
 State Board of Education

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

From: Michele Black [mailto:maddy1psu@cs.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2006 5:29 PM
To: Buckheit, James
Subject: Re: Chapter 49 Comments

I'm not Mr. Bossers, however my email is attached to this, so I'm glad you received my message. Michele Black -----Original Message-----

From: "Buckheit, James" <jbuckheit@state.pa.us>
Date: Thu, 14 Dec 2006 15:26:48
To: <MADDY1PSU@cs.com>
Subject: RE: Chapter 49 Comments

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Jim Buckheit

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From: MADDY1PSU@cs.com [mailto:MADDY1PSU@cs.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2006 1:30 PM
To: jrbuckheit@state.pa.us
Subject: Chapter 49 Comments

Dear Mr. Buckheit,

As a former public school teacher and an adjunct professor at Harrisburg Area Community College, I wanted to take this opportunity to show my support for Chapter 49. These certification changes will create a new generation of teachers prepared to provide quality learning opportunities for ALL children. As someone who went through teacher preparation in the mid 1980's and early 1990's, I KNOW how unprepared I was coming out of my university to meet the needs of students. I am certified in K-6. I taught Kindergarten, First Grade, and an Inclusive Fifth Grade program while in the public school system. Because of my early childhood experiences, I knew how important individualized assessment and instruction was, however I certainly did not have the proper training to teach such a broad range of students. I spent many a night reading and researching best practice to make certain I was doing all that I could, but I would have LOVED my college curriculum to have offered me a more targeted certification AND additional course work for special needs and ESL students. As a mother of a middle school student, I often feel these teachers are not prepared for the challenges of this age group-often having inappropriate expectations and not looking at these children in a "whole child" perspective. I whole heartedly support these proposed changes and hope you will share my message with those that have the power to effect much needed change in our teacher preparation and certification process in PA. Since 30 other states have similar certifications, this will support college graduates in their job pursuits, but more importantly provide quality education that "No Child Left Behind" mandates we provide to our children.

Best regards,
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