

Buckheit, James

From: Buckheit, James
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2006 10:54 AM
To: 'Ron Hopkins'
Subject: RE: Re comments on teacher certification

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State Board of Education
 333 Market Street First Floor
 Harrisburg, PA 17126 0333
 December 15, 2006

Dear Mr. Hopkins:

Thank you for your email message received by the State Board of Education on December 15, 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

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

From: Ron Hopkins [mailto:rhopkins@loyschool.org]
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2006 10:31 AM
To: j buckheit@state.pa.us
Subject: Re comments on teacher certification

Mr. Buckheit I would like to suggest that the regulations regarding bridging certification be changed to allow teachers with a college degree, a Vocational I or II certification and have passed the praxis test (content knowledge) in another area like Social Studies be allowed to gain an added certification area. I think it is discriminating against vocational educators as the law is written in its current state.

That is my suggestion. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ronald Hopkins
 Vocational Instructor
 Loysville Youth Development Center