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From: Buckheit, James
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2006 8:57 AM
To: 'Carole Jones'
Subject: RE: Teacher Certification proposal

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Dear Ms. Jones:

Thank you for your email message received by the State Board of Education on December 22, 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: Carole Jones [mailto:cajpjones@earthlink.net]
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2006 7:59 AM
To: jrbuckheit@state.pa.us
Subject: Teacher Certification proposal

Two great concerns that I have concerning the new teacher certification proposal are:

The separate certifications for Early Childhood and Middle Elementary - The elementary population fluctuates in our district and often teachers are moved from a primary to intermediate grade or vice-versa to meet these needs. The

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separate certifications would necessitate laying off teachers and hiring others with the correct certification.

Special Education Secondary needing a core subject certification - Once a teacher is required to have a subject certification what would inspire him/her to also get special education certification? I'm afraid we will end up with no secondary special education teachers. And will the special education teachers only teach in their certified area? What a scheduling problem that would create!

Thank you for considering changes in these areas.

Carole Jones

Board Member

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