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From: Buckheit, James
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2006 9:46 AM
To: 'Mayer, Robert H'
Subject: RE: Proposal For Teacher Ed

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Dear Dr. Mayer:

Thank you for your letter 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: Mayer, Robert H [mailto:merhm02@moravian.edu]
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2006 2:51 PM
To: j buckheit@state.pa.us
Subject: Proposal For Teacher Ed

Dear Mr. Buckhelt,

The proposed changes to teacher education programs for students with special needs and for ELL are certainly needed. Unfortunately, as currently constructed they would do harm as they do good. Mandated as hours or course units, the proposal forces us to cut back in the area that makes us unique, courses in the liberal arts. I strongly encourage you to mandate the changes as competencies and not as hours or credit units. That would permit us to honor the needs of all learners while we continue to enrich our future teachers with the liberal arts.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert H. Mayer

Chair of the Education Department, Moravian College