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Ms. Steffanic:

I am writing to you regarding proposed regulation – ID #16A-1530 (#2608) that outlines continuing education for professional nurses. My issue with this regulation lies specifically with certified school nurses. This specialty group who has certification under the PA Department of Education (PDE) is already accountable for continuing education through PDE – Act 48 hours. All certified school nurses must complete the same number of hours that certified teachers complete; which is 180 hours over 5 years. This can be in the form of graduate credits, district sponsored in-services and intermediate unit sponsored courses. This requirement is actually more credits per year than the proposed nursing regulations. It would be to everyone's benefit to count the Act 48 credits that were earned by the certified school nurses – the credits that are nursing/medical in nature – towards the proposed regulation for continuing education.

I hope that this proposed regulation can be modified to include language regarding this specialty group of nurses who already are being held accountable for continuing education through a different state agency. Thank you very much for your time and effort regarding this proposed regulation. If there would be need to contact me regarding this matter please email me at katrina_grieve@cocalico.k12.pa.us.

Sincerely,



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