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Dear Jim Buckheit, Executive Director to the PA State Board

I appreciate that the State Board realized that the caseload chart was out-of-date. One more change needs to be made for special education teachers. Reduction of the caseload chart for Level II to 20 students is important when working with students with learning support needs.

Maintaining transition at the age of 14 in the state of Pennsylvania is a very good move on the part of the State Board. This helps teams to focus on what are truly the most important aspects of the child's education once they reach high school age.

I am not in support of the suggestion that autism be given the same rights as students with mental retardation. The state and federal government's current regulations meet the needs of all students with disabilities.

In reference to the hearing interpreters requirements for training, the hours of staff development should be available during the school day as part of their work schedule and at no cost.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Carol Porter

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