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Dear Jim Buckheit, Executive Director

As a paraprofessional working on a daily basis with students I would like to share a few thoughts.

I have concerns with the new requirements for instructional paraprofessionals. The increased requirements do not take into account the training and actual time in the classroom for current employees. Second, does this mean that we will have different classifications of paraprofessionals within the school setting? If so I am conflicted. I want the best for our students but at what level or standard do we consider it enough? Issues such as capacity, ability to pay, job pool, and job descriptions are woven into this mix. Please consider reverting to the language in current Chapter 14 and if this is not possible then address the points I have made so that it is reality based and workable.

Within the behavior section of Chapter 14 you have elaborated on what restraints are and are not. This is very much appreciated. Clarity is important with an issue such as working with behavior plans and students with severe emotional disturbance.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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