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Dear Mr. Jim Buckheit, Executive Director

Thank you for this opportunity to share my thoughts and concerns relating to Chapter 14.

Please maintain the 60 school days for the purpose of evaluations. At the elementary level we do a lot of screenings, assessments and child find. This timeline, while not perfect, does meet most students needs.

Please clarify why the May draft now has the word instructional before paraprofessional. How many different categories of paraprofessionals will we have under Chapter 14? My concern is that this will eliminate the transferability of staff to meet the current needs in the school building. I would like to suggest that the paraprofessionals we have on staff have had a significant amount of training and that training should be counted as meeting the new suggested standards the State Board is setting.

I applaud the State Board for recognizing that the caseload chart in our current Chapter 14 was broken. I would appreciate knowing what you mean by instructional day for the purpose of figuring out where I fit on the chart. I do think that the Level II caseload is too high with the logistics of schedules, preps and lessons. I recommend that number be moved to 20.

I appreciate this opportunity to give input on the regulations.

Sincerely,

Stacey TRAY.
NO ADDRESS PROVIDED.