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Mr. James Buckheit, Executive Director
State Board of Education
333 Market Street
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Dear Executive Director:

I recently had an opportunity to review the new proposed Chapter 14 regulations. I'd like to commend the Board for decisions they have made that will benefit the children of Pennsylvania.

Maintaining 14 as the starting age for transition, making much needed revisions to the caseload chart, supporting the full continuum of placements and clarifying what constitutes restraint are examples of the positive aspects of the proposed regulations.

I would like to suggest that you consider reducing the caseload chart numbers for Level 1 to 40; Level 2 to 20; and Level 4 (speech therapists) to 50. Although many of the changes brought about by NCLB can be good for students, many of the components such as progress monitoring and RtI require more time for process on the part of the teacher. More realistic caseloads will help make that balancing act possible.

Sincerely,

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