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Mr. Jim Buckheit, Executive Director
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania State Board of Education
333 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333

Dear Mr. Buckheit:

This letter is a follow-up to my previous correspondence, dated July 12. I had not taken into consideration the fact that a two year post secondary or associate degree educational requirement would impact salaries for paraprofessionals with considerable increase in starting pay. There is already a shortage of special education paraprofessionals in many districts, and if the proposed requirements take effect, the situation will worsen. Most districts will find it difficult to fit substantial pay increases into their budgets, thereby limiting hiring of enough paraprofessionals to adequately meet the needs of their special education students.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Karen Stickler