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Dear Jim Buckheit, Executive Director:

As an interpreter in PA who has taken the EIPA, and has extensive experience in working in the public school system, I urge you to make PA schools a place of excellence in learning for all children by requiring these additions and changes to the educational sign language interpreter portion of Chapter 14 regulations. These, along with the regulations already proposed, will help to ensure that our schools are of the highest quality for all we serve.

1. A minimum score of a 4.0 on the EIPA performance exam
2. Pass the EIPA written exam
3. Attend a minimum of 20 hours of professional development annually
4. A time line for educational interpreters to hold an associate and/or bachelor degree
5. A definition of educational interpreter that is based on function and not related to job title.

Sincerely,
Amy T. Williard