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Subject: Chapter 16

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
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Dear Mr. Buckheit, State Senator Baker, State Representative Yudichak and Senator Musto;

As a teacher-trainer and as the parent of a gifted child, I would like to express my concerns about the proposed changes in Chapter 16 Regulations regarding Gifted Children in Pennsylvania. My daughter Victoria is a 4th grader in the Wyoming Valley West School District.

I would ask that you please attend the March 19-20 meetings in Harrisburg to express the following concerns regarding the final-form regulations for Chapter 16:

1. Class Size (16.41) should be limited to 20 students. Such an increase will only serve to undermine the success of each student and the productivity of each teacher. As an educator, I am shocked that this option is even being considered.

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2. Compliance Monitoring: This is an ethical imperative. We have the right to be assured that a process will be put in place that allows parents to address concerns and to document complaints for investigation by the PDE.

3. Case Load (16.41) should be limited to 60 students for any a full-time gifted teacher.

Please represent our gifted future leaders, the talented children of our state, by putting these concerns before the State Board of Education, the Senate Education Committee and any others involved in the proposed changes to Chapter 16.

Thank you,
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