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**Subject:** Chapter 16

Mr. Buckheit, Senator Rhodes, State Senator Baker, State Representative Yudichak and Senator Musto;

I am writing to again you to voice my concerns about the proposed changes in Chapter 16 Regulations regarding Gifted Children in Pennsylvania. My children attend the Wyoming Valley West School District. I am asking that you attend the Wednesday/Thursday March 19-20 meetings in Harrisburg to express our concerns for the vote on the final-form regulations for Chapter 16.

The following details my viewpoint:

**1. Class Size (16.41)** should be limited to 20 students. The gifted elementary program at WWV (Grades 1-5) is a magnet school with a full-day program with 100+ students. Since meeting the needs of gifted students requires an individualized plan, an increase to 25 would be **detrimental to the gifted program in my district as a whole and to the individual students in the program.**

**2. Compliance Monitoring:** We support compliance monitoring and believe that a process should be put in place that allows parents to address concerns. There should also be a process by which parental complaints can be filed and investigated by the PDE.

**3. I support the Case Load (16.41)** being limited to 60 students. This should be the maximum allowed on a full-time gifted teacher's roster.

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In summary, I am asking that these comments be presented to the State Board of Education, the Senate Education Committee and any others involved in the proposed changes to Chapter 16. I also urge you to make decisions that are in the best interest of the students.

I look forward to your response of the above concerns.

Sincerely,

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