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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

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**Subject:** Chapter 16

**Message:**

I understand there is to be some action/review of Chapter 16 in the near future. I would like to express some concerns with regard to this. I have a grandson in Central Dauphin East Middle School. I am concerned that the gifted students are not being challenged enough or enough attention being paid to their special needs. It seems that they must be in classrooms with other students that are not as interested in learning or come from families that do not care if they learn and discipline problems run rampant. If a student is trying to advance, the concerns are instead with the "no child left behind" mandates. We are now discriminating against those who have the ability and desire to advance so we can spend more time on those who do not have those desires. Monies are spend on athletics, music, art but academics are left behind. It looks good for a school to have great athletic teams, bands, etc. When are we going to get back to the basic needs of academics? I thought education meant that academics would be first. We are always hearing about keeping Pennsylvanians in Pa. but we aren't doing anything to challenge these students. Football, basketball, band, etc do not provide what the students need to have a wage earning career for a lifetime. These are, at best, passing fancies. We need to get back to the basics of education. I have just seen a family move from Pa. to Missouri to give their child a challenging education for a very gifted student. Should this be necessary? This too was the C.D.school district. There is something drastically wrong here. We need desparately to get back to educating students in the subjects necessary for maintaining the "brains" in Pa. Please take action that will accomplish this. Sincerely, S.J. Kroah

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