

October 3, 2007

Dear Ms. Wilmarth,

I am a parent of two gifted children in York County. I am writing with several concerns regarding the updated Chapter 16 regulations. I would like to see the regulations changed to be more specific as set forth by the PAGE board.

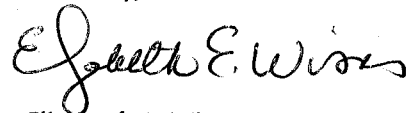
One of my personal concerns at this point in my children's education is the case size of the gifted teacher. PAGE has recommended that Chapter 16, "Limit the number of gifted students which can be on a full-time individual gifted teacher's caseload to a maximum of 60 students, proportionately reduced for each regular classroom assignment."

I firmly agree that the full-time portion needs to be added to this. Gifted teachers with a much smaller caseload than 60 are already extremely overworked. Their jobs seem to be all too encompassing to warrant additional students or duties.

Another personal concern at this point is class size. I feel that Chapter 16 should be changed as recommended by PAGE to a maximum of 20 students per class. Gifted instruction is supposed to be individualized. Increasing class size would limit amounts of differentiation and individualization that can be accomplished by one teacher.

Although I only discussed two concerns regarding Chapter 16, I feel that all of the PAGE recommendations including compliance monitoring, identification criteria, and graduation planning should be accepted into the new Chapter 16 regulations.

Sincerely,



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