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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

333 MARKET STREET, 14TH FLOOR, HARRISBURG, PA 17101

September 18, 2008

James Buckheit, Executive Director State Board of Education 333 Market Street, 1st Floor Harrisburg, PA 17126

Re: Regulation #6-307 (IRRC #2635) State Board of Education Special Education for Gifted Students

Dear Mr. Buckheit:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation today. Our order is enclosed and will be available on our website at www.irrc.state.pa.us.

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that meets the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,

Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable James J. Rhoades, Chairman, Senate Education Committee Honorable Raphael J. Musto, Minority Chairman, Senate Education Committee Honorable James R. Roebuck, Jr., Majority Chairman, House Education Committee Honorable Jess M. Stairs, Minority Chairman, House Education Committee

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION APPROVAL ORDER

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held September 18, 2008

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman Nancy Sabol Frantz, Esq. Karen A. Miller John F. Mizner, Esq., by Phone

Regulation No. 6-307 (#2635) State Board of Education Special Education for Gifted Students

On August 23, 2007, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Education (Board). This rulemaking amends 22 Pa. Code Chapter 16. The proposed regulation was published in the September 8, 2007 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on August 12, 2008.

This final-form regulation amends requirements for gifted education programs and services in the public schools of this Commonwealth. It addresses the screening and evaluation process, gifted individualized education programs, educational placement and procedural safeguards for students identified as gifted.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (24 P.S. §§ 13-1372 and 26-2603-B(k)) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This regulation is approved.

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Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman