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Subject: Keystone Exams, Regulation Number 2692

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to offer my support for Keystone Exams. I believe that they will provide a more accurate indication of student achievement than the currently administered grade 11 PSSA. In addition, these exams will allow districts to evaluate the academic rigor of their academic programs in critical content areas. I believe the Keystone Exams could be a catalyst for framing the debate regarding high school reform and the knowledge and skills we expect all graduates to demonstrate.

As an advocate of final exams, I support the required weighting of the Keystone Exam in the final grade; however, I would suggest that perhaps a range between 20% and 50%, decided at the local level, would provide the desired outcome.

Thank you for your time as you consider this important matter.

Educationally yours,

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