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Mr. Jim Buckheit
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Dear Mr. Buckheit:

I am writing to express my strong support of the State Board of Education's proposal to change graduation requirements in Pennsylvania and develop a consistent measurement of student achievement. These regulations are required to ensure that all high school graduates have an adequate knowledge and skill base. The proposal also establishes a set of supports to help students reach their full potential.

As you know, our Pennsylvania students are competing with students from around the world for college admissions and for family sustaining jobs. We know however, that too many young people are graduating without the academic foundation and skills needed to succeed. Pennsylvania must have a strong system of supports for students and schools coupled with a common statewide accountability system so that all our graduates are prepared for success in postsecondary education and 21st century careers.

I support the State Board's proposal.

Sincerely,
Peter Butler
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