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Mr. Jim Buckheit
Pennsylvania State Board of Education
333 Market Street, 1st Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17126

Dear Mr. Buckheit:

The following Resolution was adopted February 15, 2008, by the Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board in support of the new Graduation Competency Assessments.

Resolution

Resolved, that the Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board strongly endorses giving the high school diploma meaning by requiring all students to show that they are career-and-college-ready in English, math, science and social studies before they graduate; and be it further

Resolved, that the State Board of Education should adopt a requirement that students demonstrate proficiency in these core subjects by passing state assessments in order to earn a high school diploma; and be it further

Resolved, that the Commonwealth must also provide the necessary tools and resources to support students and schools in meeting these real-world expectations for college-and-career-readiness, before making any tests mandatory for graduation.

Sincerely,

William J. Thompson
Executive Director

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c: William P. Yant, WIB Chair