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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

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

October 22, 2009

Adam Schott, Acting Executive Director
State Board of Education
333 Market Street, 1st Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17126

Re: Regulation #6-312 (IRRC #2696)
State Board of Education
Academic Standards and Assessment

Dear Mr. Schott:

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,

Arthur Coccodrilli

Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Jeffrey E. Piccola, Majority Chairman, Senate Education Committee
Honorable Andrew Dinniman, Minority Chairman, Senate Education Committee
Honorable James R. Roebuck, Jr., Majority Chairman, House Education Committee
Honorable Paul I. Clymer, Minority Chairman, House Education Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held October 22, 2009

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
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S. David Fineman, Esq.
Silvan B. Lutkewitte, III, Dissenting
John F. Mizner, Esq.

Regulation No. 6-312 (#2696)
State Board of Education
Academic Standards and Assessment

On May 2, 2008, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Education (Board). This rulemaking amends 22 Pa. Code Chapter 4. The proposed regulation was published in the May 17, 2008 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on September 21, 2009.


This regulation amends state high school graduation requirements.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (24 P.S. §§ 26-2603-B and 26-2604-B) 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.





Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman