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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE BOROUGH OF BRENTWOOD

August 18, 2009

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At the August 17, 2009 Board Meeting, the Brentwood Borough School Board of Directors voted to approve the enclosed resolution concerning the proposed GCA/Keystone Exams.

Please note that this resolution is not a blanket resolution opposing the GCA/Keystone Exams but rather requested guidelines for the proposed GCA/Keystone Exams.

If you have any questions or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Resolution

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**RESOLUTION #2009-03
OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF THE
BRENTWOOD BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGARDING PROPOSED HIGH SCHOOL GCA/KEYSTONE EXAMS**

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Brentwood Borough School District support efforts to ensure the rigor of the high school diploma and commends the work of school boards to achieve that objective; and

WHEREAS, efforts by state government should be focused on developing instructional tools and resources to assist those districts most in need of such assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Brentwood Borough School District opposes implementation of a mandatory statewide curriculum and state-developed high school end of course exams for all students, which have the effect of being mandatory for graduation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Brentwood Borough School District supports the continued use of local assessments and full funding of the costs for their validation and also supports the development of state assessments that would be used at the secondary level;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Brentwood Borough School District believes that the use of these assessments shall be voluntary in each district until their use is approved by the U.S. Department of Education as the measure of proficiency and the determination of AYP under ESEA and as a replacement for the 11th grade PSSA.

ADOPTED this 17th day of August, 2009.

ATTEST:



Donna J. Werner, Board Secretary

BRENTWOOD BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT



Richard Briner, School Board President