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September 16, 2009

Mr. Kim Kaufman, Executive Director
The Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market St., 14th Fl.
Harrisburg, PA 17101

RE: Proposed Regulations – “Keystone Exams”

Dear Mr. Kaufman and Members of the Commission,

The members of the Northgate Board of School Directors continue to oppose the proposed regulations for Academic Standards and Assessments (known as “Keystone Exams”). We previously explained our opposition in a formal Board resolution and correspondence.

Last year you declined to approve the proposed regulations for the graduate competency exams (GCA’s) for many of the same reasons that still exist today.

We hope you will consider the overwhelming and wide-ranging opposition to these tests. We believe that there is a better way to approach the issue of continuing to improve student achievement. Once these regulations are defeated, we would be happy to be part of the process as opposed to having the process be dictated to us.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Reggie J. Bonfield, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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c: Board Members

Honorable Daniel Deasy
Honorable Wayne Fontana
Honorable Robert Matzie
Honorable John Pippy