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September 29, 2009

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

Dear Mr. Gentzel:

On behalf of Chairman Coccodrilli, thank you for your letter dated September 22, 2009, asking this Commission to grant the Board the authority to toll the time for review for this regulation. Under the Regulatory Review Act, the Board may toll the regulation to consider or make revisions based upon recommendation by the Commission or a standing committee. The Commission has determined that the public interest is best served by recommending tolling to address minor clarifications and corrections, rather than substantive issues of which the regulated community is not notified in advance or provided an opportunity to comment. The nature of the changes contemplated by your letter goes beyond what could be accomplished through the tolling process.

Be assured, the Commission will review and consider the points raised in your comments. We welcome your participation at our public meeting scheduled for October 22, 2009. The meeting will be held in our 14th Floor Conference Room, 333 Market Street, commencing at 10:30 a.m. Additionally, your letter will be included in the Commission's public record file.

Following this meeting, the Commission's order will be available on our web page at www.irc.state.pa.us. Or, if you wish, we will provide you a copy by mail, fax or email. Should you have any further questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Kim Kaufman
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