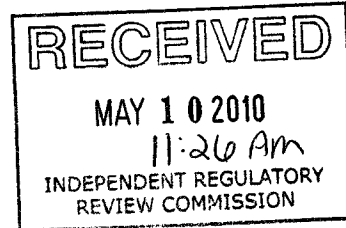


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RE: Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts final omitted regulations (#6-319) Revised

Dear Commission members:

I am writing to express my support for the Revised Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts final omitted regulations (**#6-319**) and to point out the important role of the pre k classrooms as they pertain to inclusion.

Our membership consists of early education sites that are in PA Pre-K Counts. Pre-K Counts has made an indelible impact in our community in its current form, and the children in the inclusive classrooms have made strides in the past year.

Currently the only program that is showing measurable results that are being tracked in a consistent way is PA Pre-K Counts. This has enabled us to look at this program as a model that needs to be consistently expanded. There is a tremendous amount of accountability by all partners which I believe has made for a permanent systemic change. This should not change.

In speaking with the community on a regular basis, I am quick to highlight the components of PA Pre-K Counts included in the regulations that make it a best practice program because it meets or exceeds nearly every benchmark set by the National Institute for Early Education Research.

The successes of Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts to prepare at risk children for school are because of the quality standards and accountability measures that are included in this regulation.

Please approve these regulations in full.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elaine Errico".

Elaine Errico, President
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From: Jodi Askins [jaskins@pennaeyc.org]
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Attachments: PKC letter of support regulations _6-319 from NE AEYC[1].doc

Please find the attached letter of support for the revised Pre-K Counts regulations. Thank you.

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