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Subject: Chapter 4 public comment

Dear Karen Molchano,

Please include my comments below in the review of proposed changes to Chapter 4.

Regarding Chapter 4, Paragraph 4.24. High School Graduation Requirements:

[(g)] (h) Transcripts. Beginning in the 2003-2004 school year, PSSA scores in each assessed discipline, and beginning in the **[2014-2015] 2016-2017** school year, **the performance level demonstrated on each** Keystone Exam or validated local assessment **[scores]**, shall be included on student transcripts and may be released only with the permission of the student and parent or guardian, or the student only if the student is 18 years of age or older.

This section would benefit from clarification as follows:

Student transcripts are not defined in Paragraph 4.3 Definitions. Does 4.24 consider student transcripts to be the dynamic data contained within a student information system, dynamic electronic documents that change during the course of a student's progress through high school, static documents that are printed at graduation, or something else?

What are the desired results of this section? If performance levels may be released only with permission of the student and parent or guardian, some transcripts will contain performance level data and some will not. If all students and parents in a school withhold permission, none of the school transcripts will contain performance level data. Why create a regulation that mandates inconsistent results? Who will track and monitor parent and student permissions, and what scarce resources will need to be re-appropriated for this purpose?

Will high schools be required to include PSSA scores from spring 2012 and fall 2012 on the transcripts of the class of 2013?

Will high schools not be required to include Keystone Exam performance level data on transcripts during the 2013-14, 2014-15, and 2015-16 school years? In other words, will transcripts contain no state level performance data during these three years?

Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, must the performance level demonstrated on each Keystone Exam be included on all student transcripts grades 9-12?

Given that each Keystone Exam will contain two scored modules, will the transcript need to include the performance levels for all six (and eventually ten) modules?

When the performance level demonstrated on each Keystone Exam is included on student transcripts, are schools required to do this in a consistent fashion, or is this a local decision? For example, performance levels may be reported by:

- A. Scaled Score only (Example: Algebra 1, 1250)
- B. Scaled Score & Performance Level (Example: Algebra 1, 1250 - Proficient)
- C. Performance Level only (Example: Algebra 1, - Proficient)
- D. Score and Chart Showing the Proficiency cut points (Example: Algebra 1, 1250 Below Basic www – xxx, Basic yyy – zzz etc.)

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

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