Keystone Exams: Please send your thoughts to Harrisburg ASAP

November 13, 2013

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the Interschool Council, we are writing to make you aware of proposed regulations pending before Pennsylvania's Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC). The Chapter 4 Regulations address the impact and implementation of the Keystone Exams (please click here for more information about Keystone Exams). 55 of the 62 Superintendents in our region - including LMSD Superintendent Dr. McGinley, and the heads of four intermediate units -- are opposed to the Regulations and are urging the IRRC and General Assembly not to require Keystone exams as graduation requirements (please click here to read the Superintendents' letter).

Please review the Superintendents' letter, as well as the minutes of our latest ISC meeting (found here on the ISC tab of the LMSD website), to learn more about the issues and the effect on your child's education. We encourage you to write the IRRC at the address below within the next few days if you have an opinion on this issue.

Public comment is critical. Harrisburg needs to hear from you. The length of your email is not important, but the number of emails voicing support or opposition to the proposed change is. You have the opportunity to impact the decision they will make.

The IRRC will receive comments until Tuesday, November 19th, at 10 am. Comments can be emailed to IRRC Executive Director David Sumner at <u>dsumner@IRRC.state.pa.us</u>.

Thank you.

Best,

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