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RE: 13 DE Reg. 1382 [DOE Proposed K-12 School Counseling Program Regulation]

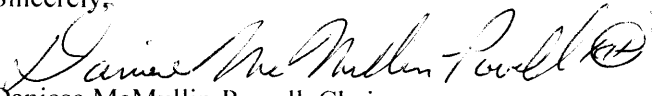
Dear Ms. Haberstroh:

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed the Department of Education's (DOE's) proposal to amend its regulations for school counseling programs published as 13 DE Reg. 1382 in the May 1, 2010 issue of the Register of Regulations. SCPD endorses the proposed regulations and has the following observations.

The amendments represent an improvement over the current standards. For example, instead of each district having a district-wide counseling plan, the new standards require each school to have an individual counseling plan. Moreover, while the current standards required updating of each plan every 3 years, the new standards require updating each year. For accountability, each plan must be on file with the DOE to facilitate review. Finally, the plan must meet national standards of the American School Counselors Association.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact SCPD if you have any questions or comments regarding our endorsement or observations on the proposed regulation.

Sincerely,


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