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To: Linnea Bradshaw, Ed.D/DeDOE Professional Standards Board

We are writing regarding Professional Standards Board Public Notice 1532-Middle Level Mathematics Teacher. This regulation puts yet another burden on administrators as they try to staff buildings each year.

Currently, the pool for high school certified mathematics teachers is shallow. The regulation would force LEAs that offer courses above Algebra 1 in the middle school to ensure that at least one high school certified teacher is on staff to teach all courses above Algebra 1. In addition, Middle Math Praxis test 5169 includes 38% Geometry content. In comparison, the high school test contains 20% Geometry content and almost half the test covers Calculus and other advanced math concepts.

Currently, Red Clay offers Geometry in seven middle schools. We have our middle school certified teachers teaching the Geometry course in four of those schools. That puts us in the position of needing four high-school certified teachers for just the middle schools. This year alone, we needed to hire four new high school teachers for just our high schools.

We are formally requesting that you consider our concerns. The nation currently faces a significant teacher shortage especially in STEM areas. Regulations like this one tax the entire pool of educators.

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