

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SCHUYLKILL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING
THE OVERUSE OF STANDARDIZED TESTING**

June 22, 2015

WHEREAS, in the Schuylkill Valley School District we believe our top priority is the personalized education of every student, every day; and it is difficult to measure factors that we consider to be essential: the dedication of our teachers, the rigor and breadth of our academic offerings, the opportunities for co-curricular exploration, the level of parental engagement, this community's commitment to public education; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Schuylkill Valley School District understands the value of some limited standardized testing and will continue to present these tests to students as mandated by law; and

WHEREAS, the Schuylkill Valley School District routinely provides its own student assessments that engage students and provide critical and timely feedback to teachers and administrators; and

WHEREAS, the Schuylkill Valley School District routinely engages in its own program of teacher assessment that provides critical and timely feedback to teachers and administrators; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Schuylkill Valley School District is very concerned with the resources being diverted to standardized testing in classrooms and in districts across the state and the overuse of standardized tests; particularly when those tests are used to determine ranking, admission, and graduation of students or to evaluate teachers and school staff and overall school performance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors continues to oppose the State mandate that requires Keystone Exams in all Pennsylvania public schools as graduation requirements;

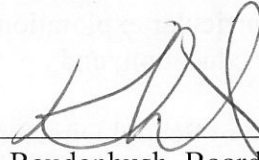
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Schuylkill Valley School District asks its community to continue to define success for ourselves and our children in a way that celebrates curiosity, goal setting, academic risk taking, along with more traditional accomplishments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Schuylkill Valley School District calls upon its teachers and administration to remain focused on quality teaching of quality content, and to minimize time spent on preparation for standardized testing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Schuylkill Valley School District calls upon its legislators to strive to minimize the amount of mandated testing and the use of standardized testing for teacher and school evaluation.

CERTIFICATE

I, Kevin Raudenbush, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the Secretary to the SCHUYLKILL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT Board of School Directors and that the above Resolution was duly moved, seconded and passed at a regularly scheduled meeting of the SCHUYLKILL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT Board of School Directors held on June 22, 2015, a quorum then being in attendance.



Kevin Raudenbush, Board Secretary