RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SCHUYLKILL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 168 WHICH ELIMINATES KEYSTONE EXAMS AS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

May 18, 2015

WHEREAS, the SCHUYLKILL VALLEY School District provides meaningful academic instruction and assessment that engages students as critical and creative thinkers and successfully prepares these students for college and careers; and

WHEREAS, the District opposes the State mandate for all Pennsylvania schools to use Keystone Exams as graduation requirements; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 168 eliminates the State requirement for proficient assessment results as a requirement of eligibility for high school graduation; and

WHEREAS, the District supports the prohibition of the development of Keystone Exams in subjects other than Algebra I, Literature, and Biology; and

WHEREAS, the financial savings from the elimination of the current cycle of testing and remediation may be used by local Districts to prevent the elimination and/or reduction of other valuable programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the SCHUYLKILL VALLEY School District urges all Representatives to support House Bill 168 and all Senators to support similar legislation that may come to the floor of the Senate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the SCHUYLKILL VALLEY School District calls upon the Pennsylvania General Assembly to prohibit the use of State Funds for the development of Keystone Exams in subjects other than Algebra I, Literature, and Biology.

CERTIFICATE

I, Kevin Raudenbush, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the Secretary to the SCHUYLKILL VALLEY 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 May 18, 2015, a quorum then being in attendance.

Kevin Raudenbush, Board Secretary