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Elizabeth Burmaster
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August 30, 2002

The Honorable Fred Risser
President, Wisconsin Senate
Room 220 South State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

The Honorable Scott Jensen
Speaker, Wisconsin Assembly
Room 211 West State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Gentlemen:

The following rule is in final draft form and is submitted to you for referral to the appropriate standing committees:

CHR 02-032

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E. Burmaster (ase)".

Elizabeth Burmaster
State Superintendent

Mary Lazich

Wisconsin State Senator • Senate District 28



September 20, 2002

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Senator Richard Grobschmidt
State Capitol
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7882

RE: Clearinghouse Rule 02-32 – relating to providing access to the fourth, eighth and tenth grade knowledge and concepts examinations and the high school graduation test.

Dear Senator Grobschmidt:

Clearinghouse Rule 02-032 states that a person must submit a written request and a signed confidentiality agreement to view the test “within 90 days after the date of administration of the test.” I learned from Joyce Kiel of Legislative Council that the Department of Public Instruction’s (DPI) position is that “date of administration of the test” is the date that DPI has completed giving the test, standardizing the responses, scoring the test and distributing and announcing the test results. My concern is that the statement “within 90 days after the date of administration of the test” will not be understood by the general public to have the same meaning that DPI understands the statement to mean. The public may believe that statement to mean 90 days after the test is finished by the student. Often test results are not distributed to the parents for more than 90 days after the test is finished. If a child does not do well and parents desire to look at the test they may be under the impression that they missed the window of 90 days. One option that I hope DPI will consider is modifying the rule to add a definition of “date of administration of the test” so that the public understands the meaning of the phrase.

As you may be aware, the Assembly Committee on Education Reform is holding a hearing on Clearinghouse Rule 02-032. Since the Senate Education Committee will be able to review any changes made by the Assembly, I will not request a hearing at this time. However, I want to make you aware of my concerns and reserve the opportunity to request a hearing at a later date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mary A. Lazich'.

Mary A. Lazich
State Senator
Senate District 28



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xc: Senate Education Committee members
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Joyce Kiel – Legislative Council
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Maggie Burke - DPI