



Perkiomen Valley School District

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The Pennsylvania Department of Education
School Services Unit
333 Market Street, 5th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333

**RE: Perkiomen Valley School District
Alteration of High School Art Program**

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to Section 11-1124 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code, as amended, I am hereby notifying the Department of the alteration of an educational program offered by the Perkiomen Valley School District (the "District"), which will result in the suspension/furlough of professional staff.

Please find attached a copy of the Resolution regarding the alteration of the Perkiomen Valley High School Art Program as a result of a substantial decline in course enrollments, which was duly adopted by the Board of School Directors (the "Board") of the District at its duly advertised business meeting on May 12, 2025.

Enrollment in the Perkiomen Valley High School Art Program has substantially declined as follows:

Year	Enrollment
2023-2024	330
2024-2025	281
2025-2026	270

The above decline in enrollment constitutes a 15% decline since the 2023-2024 school year. The Perkiomen Valley High School Art Program is currently staffed by 3.5 professional employees.

As part of the annual budget process and in the face of ever-present financial pressures, the District Administration reviewed all District programs, operations and expenditures to identify potential savings and efficiencies. In conjunction with this process, as District Superintendent, I recommended altering the Perkiomen Valley High School Art Program by eliminating a .5 professional employee position, representing a 15% reduction in staff, corresponding to the 15% decline in student enrollment in the Program.

The District Administration conducted a seniority determination in accordance with Section 11-1125.1 of the School Code and recommended the suspension of a .5 professional employee currently employed in the Perkiomen Valley High School Art Program. The alteration of the program and corresponding suspension of the professional employee will be effective at the close of business on June 30, 2025.

My recommendation for the alteration of the Perkiomen Valley High School Art Program is based upon the substantial decline in course enrollments and my belief that it is necessary to conform with standards of organization and that the requested alteration will affect a change in the District's organization that will result in a more efficient and effective educational program.

Please contact me with any questions or comments or if additional information is required by the Department. It is my understanding that this notification shall be posted on the Department's publicly accessible internet website.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Russell, Ed.D.
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PERKIOMEN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION REGARDING ALTERATION OF
HIGH SCHOOL ART PROGRAM

MAY 12, 2025

WHEREAS, Section 11-1106 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code, as amended, (“School Code”) provides that school boards shall only employ the necessary qualified professional employees, substitutes and temporary professional employees to keep the public schools open in their respective districts;

WHEREAS, Section 11-1124 of the School Code provides that:

“(a) Any board of school directors may suspend the necessary number of professional employees, for any of the causes herein enumerated:

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(2) curtailment or alteration of the educational program on recommendation of the superintendent, and concurrence by the board of school directors, as a result of a substantial decline in class or course enrollments or to conform with standards of organization or educational activities required by law or recommended by the Department of Public Instruction;

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(b) Notwithstanding an existing or future provision in a collective bargaining agreement or other similar employment contract to the contrary, suspension of a professional employee due to the curtailment or alteration of the educational program as set forth in subsection (a)(2) may be effectuated without the approval of the curtailment or alteration of the educational program by the Department of Education, provided that, where an educational program is altered or curtailed as set forth in subsection (a)(2), the school district shall notify the Department of Education of the actions taken pursuant to subsection (a)(2). The Department of Education shall post all notifications received from a school district pursuant to this subsection on the Department of Education’s publicly accessible Internet website.”
24 P.S. Section 11-1124;

WHEREAS, enrollment in the Perkiomen Valley High School Art Program has substantially declined as follows;

Year	Enrollment
2023-2024	330
2024-2025	281
2025-2026	270

WHEREAS, the above decline in enrollment constitutes a 15% decline since the 2023-2024 school year;

WHEREAS, the Perkiomen Valley High School Art Program is currently staffed by 3.5 professional employees;

WHEREAS, the District Superintendent recommends altering the High School Art Program by eliminating a .5 professional employee position, representing a corresponding 15% reduction in staff for the High School Art Program;

WHEREAS, the District Administration has conducted a seniority determination in accordance with Section 11-1125.1 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code, as amended, as applicable, and recommends the suspension of Timothy Corey, a .5 professional employee currently employed in the Perkiomen Valley High School Art Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of School Directors of the Perkiomen Valley School District hereby resolves as follows:

1. In accordance with Section 11-1124(a)(2), the Perkiomen Valley High School Art Program shall be altered as recommended by the District Superintendent as more fully set forth above, as of the close of business on June 30, 2025.
2. Upon certification of the District Superintendent, which, by virtue of the signature below, is hereby affirmed, the Board of School Directors hereby approves and concurs with the proposed plan for the alteration of the Perkiomen Valley High School Art Program effective as of the close of business on June 30, 2025.
3. The District Superintendent is directed to notify the Pennsylvania Department of Education of the actions taken pursuant hereto.
4. Timothy Corey is hereby suspended effective as of the close of business on June 30, 2025.
5. The elimination of the professional position pursuant hereto is based on the necessary alteration of the Perkiomen Valley High School Art Program as set forth above.

6. The District Administration, the District Solicitor, Fox Rothschild LLP, and the Board of School Directors shall take any and all necessary actions to effectuate the intent of this Resolution, including but not limited to, issuing the appropriate notices to impacted employees and to schedule hearings, as required.

PERKIOMEN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: 

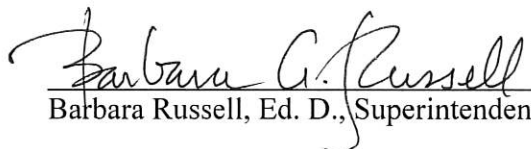
Laura White, Board President

Attest: 

Laurie Weidner, Board Secretary

I, Dr. Barbara A. Russell, District Superintendent, hereby certify and affirm the recommendation set forth in the above Resolution.

PERKIOMEN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT



Barbara Russell, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools

