


**State Board of Education  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**

**DATE:** July 9, 2015  
**TO:** Pedro Rivera, Secretary of Education  
**FROM:** Karen Molchanow, Executive Director   
**SUBJECT:** Motion Regarding PSSA Communications

At its meeting on July 9, 2015, the State Board of Education adopted a motion expressing its resolve on action needed by the Department of Education. By way of this memo, I am formally transmitting to you the following motion that was unanimously approved by the Board:

*The State Board of Education encourages the Department of Education to swiftly engage in deliberative communications with diverse stakeholders regarding the revised Pennsylvania System of School Assessment, the impact of more rigorous academic standards, and the effect on revised cut scores and performance level descriptors.*

cc: Matthew Stem, Deputy Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education  
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