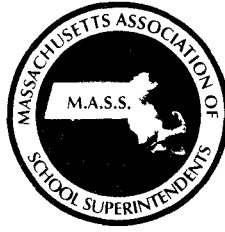


# Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, Inc.



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Dr. James H. Bray  
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Dear Dr. Bray,

First let me state that the school psychologists in Massachusetts are doing an incredible job in filling so many different needs in our school districts of the Commonwealth.

Having served as a school superintendent for almost fifteen years and now the Director of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, I would strongly urge that no changes be made in the licensure requirements for our school psychologists either in name or position.

Schools have for years worked in assigning serious cases to the psychologists of our school districts achieving great success in the most difficult circumstances.

Let me add that changing the "position title" would impact school districts in the loss of individuals who are the "best and the brightest" of our educational staff.

Hundreds of these professionals will be put out of work at a time when our colleges are not graduating qualified doctoral level school psychologist candidates.

The wise comment that "if its not broken, don't try and fix it." Our system is currently working fine. Let us keep it the way it is. We need our current school psychologists.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul J. Andrews", written over a horizontal line.

Paul J. Andrews

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