



MINNESOTA BOARD OF TEACHING

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To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to my attention that significant changes have been proposed regarding the licensure requirements for school psychologists. The proposed changes could have a drastic impact on the availability of licensed school psychologists for Minnesota students, and this is of grave concern to me. We have thousands of Minnesota students that daily depend on the services provided by licensed school psychologists, and I have not been made aware of concerns from parents, students, or school administrators that would suggest that our school psychologists are not serving our students well under our current licensure requirements.

I have not had an opportunity to present this matter to the Board of Teaching members for review and discussion, but I believe that they would share my concern, and at a minimum, would want to better understand the rationale for the change as it relates to school psychologists.

I respectfully request that the proposed changes relating to school psychologists be deferred until further review of the impact on Minnesota students can demonstrate that this will not have a negative impact in our schools.

Respectfully,

Karen Balmer
Executive Director