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**Agenda VIII, D: Resolution Opposing Keystone Exams as Graduation Requirements**

VIA: Richard Gusick, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Staff Development and Planning

<p><b>Action Under Consideration:</b> That the Board of School Directors adopts the following resolution after which the resolution will be conveyed to the local State Representatives, Senators, the Office of the Governor and to Pennsylvania school districts.</p>
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1. Questions from the Board
2. Comments and/or Questions from Community Members
3. Board Discussion/Deliberation/Action

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING KEYSTONE EXAMS AS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS  
BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
TREDYFFRIN/EASTTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
JUNE 16, 2014**

WHEREAS, the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District provides meaningful academic instruction and assessment that engages students as critical and creative thinkers and successfully prepares these students for college and careers; and

WHEREAS, the District continues to oppose the State mandate for all Pennsylvania schools to use Keystone Exams as graduation requirements; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1382 eliminates the State requirement for proficient assessment results as a requirement of eligibility for high school graduation; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1382 promotes local control for Districts to decide the weight of State assessments for determining student grades, eligibility for a diploma, and whether or not to require supplemental instruction for nonproficient students; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1382 limits the cycle of remediation, retesting and project-based assessments to enable all students to maximize their academic choices in high school; and

WHEREAS, the financial savings from the elimination of the current cycle of testing and remediation may be used by local Districts to prevent the elimination of other valued programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District urges all Senators to support Senate Bill 1382 and all Representatives to support similar legislation that may come to the floor of the House.

Adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2014

Signed,

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School Board President

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Board Secretary (seal)