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To: Robert O'Donnell
From: Mike Hardy/Jacque Martin
Date: October 23, 2013
Re: Policy 217 – Graduation Requirements

Attached is the State College Area School District's Revised Policy 217 – Graduation Requirements for your consideration. These revisions are in response to Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) Chapter 4 compliance. We will be present Monday night to respond to any questions you may have.

Thank you.

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SECTION: PUPILS
 TITLE: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
 ADOPTED: JANUARY 13, 2003
 REVISED:

217. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	
<p>1. Purpose SC 1613</p>	<p>It shall be the policy of the Board to acknowledge each student's successful completion of the instructional program appropriate to the student's interests and needs by the award of a diploma or certificate of attendance at fitting graduation ceremonies and to recognize publicly the top ranking students in each graduating class.</p>
<p>2. Authority SC 1611, 1613 Title 22 Sec. 4.13, 4.24</p>	<p>The Board shall award a regular high school diploma, a certificate of attendance and appropriate recognition of top ranking student to every student enrolled in this school district who meets the respective requirements established by the Board.</p> <p>Requirements for graduation established by the Board include each of the following options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completion of instructional program with a minimum of 22.5 credits. 2. Completion of a culminating project. 3. Proficiency on assessments as required by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
<p>SC 1611</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Request for a WWII veteran's diploma according to the guidelines of Act 73 of 2001. <p>The district recognizes that some students with disabilities may not fully meet district outcomes. Therefore, an Individualized Education Program which will identify the accommodations, modifications, and/or new outcomes will be used to certify graduation. Students who successfully meet Individualized Education Program standards will be eligible for a diploma.</p> <p>Requirements for a certificate of attendance which denotes completion of class work at the high school shall be the completion of tasks as defined by the high school principal.</p>

<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee will establish procedures to implement this policy.</p>
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