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J. David Rubie
3454 Circle Way
Bremerton, WA 98312

Dear Mr. Rubie,

Thank you for submitting a rule petition letter. Pursuant to [Chapter 82-05 WAC](#), the State Board of Education's (SBE) must, within 60 days, initiate rule-making with a preproposal statement of intent or deny the petition with a written response.

SBE is denying the petition because SBE would like more time to consider the requested change to the treatment of the waiver of physical education than is allowed in the process pursuant to [Chapter 82-05 WAC](#). There are two reasons more time is needed. First, SBE is submitting a request bill that makes changes to the high school graduation requirements and, if the legislature passes that bill, we will be opening these same rules in a few months. Second, SBE is proposing to convene a workgroup to make a recommendation on competency-based education that could address how students might meet requirements like the physical education requirement addressed in your petition.

Considering your requested change at the same time as the other possible changes to these rules will be a more efficient process. We appreciate your input and engagement in improving the education system for our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "RS", representing Randy Spaulding.

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