To: Wellsboro Area School Board

From: Barbara West and Jill Gastrock

Re: Independent Study with Kimberly Priset

Date: August 21, 2009

It is the intention of Kimberly Priset to commit to an independent study for the SAT/PSAT Prep elective course. She will complete all the work assigned to students in the class. She will abide by the normal syllabus and expectations (see attached). Her work will be graded and submitted for satisfactory (70% or higher) or unsatisfactory (69% or lower) completion of the course, as it is a pass/fail elective.

She will meet with Mrs. Gastrock and Mrs. West at least on a weekly basis to assure she is completing the assignments and meeting expectations. She will have the opportunity to ask questions as needed and see either teacher for additional help before or after school.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed independent study.

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Attachment XVI-3C-1

PSAT/SAT Prep Course Syllabus

Mrs. West/Mrs. Gastrock

Course Description: This course is designed to prepare you for the PSAT and SAT tests which are used as criteria for college entrance, scholarships and placing. Mathematics topics covered will include arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and logical reasoning. Writing topics covered will include sentence structure, editing, vocabulary, and essay format. Critical reading topics covered will include reading comprehension strategies, and vocabulary.

Resources: College Board's SAT prep workbook, online resources such as <u>www.collegeboard.com</u>, Peterson's <u>www.studentedge.com</u>, & the Army's <u>www.march2success.com</u>

Required Materials: a 3-ring binder, a writing utensil, and a calculator (math only).

Procedures:

- Since this course is designed to meet the needs of individual students, most class time will be spent working on practice problems, reviewing problem answers, and taking practice exams. Some class time will be spent discussing test-taking strategies, tips, and tricks.
- Each student is responsible for completing all assigned work. You must complete work assigned when you are absent, even if that means taking your work home.

Grading:

• This is a Pass/Fail course. In order to pass, you must complete all of the assigned work (exercises, practice, quizzes, etc.) with an average score of 70%. This score is the average of the math (West) and writing/critical reading (Gastrock) components. Active class participation, self, and peer evaluation are expected and considered. Assigned work will be checked randomly and regularly.