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Dear Dr. Dooley:

The Georgia Association for Health Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (GAHPERD) is very thankful to have been given the opportunity to be a part of the standards review process for the physical education.

As part of our commitment to supporting quality physical education opportunities for every K-12 public school student in our state, GAHPERD committed staff time to the rigorous process, led by the Department of Education, of reviewing and revising the Physical Education standards for Georgia schools.

Physical education is a crucial part of educating the whole child, preparing students to make meaningful contributions to the 21st century workforce by providing a pathway to a healthy lifestyle as well as contributing to the enhancement of skills in critical thinking, creativity, innovation, and cooperation.

The revised standards also allow for increased flexibility, while providing general guidance and a broad framework for local education officials to build a more detailed, rigorous, and meaningful curriculum for their students. We feel that the changes that were made were necessary to provide a revised and improved tool for our students and teachers to use in the coming years.

From our intimate knowledge of the review process through participation on the Advisory Committee and the Academic Review Committee, and the resulting improvements to the standards, GAHPERD wholeheartedly supports the proposed Georgia Standards of Excellence, which are now before the State Board of Education for consideration.

Sincerely,
Kim Thompson, GAHPERD Executive Director

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