

### State Department of Education Closes Inquiry into 2009 Testing

The Pennsylvania Department of Education has officially closed its inquiry into the 2009 administration of the PSSA at Strath Haven High School. In a letter to the Wallingford-Swarthmore Schools the Department formally accepted the filed response of the district, indicating that “no further inquiry” is needed.

Superintendent of Schools Rich Noonan stated the district is pleased to have this matter closed, but extremely disappointed by the protracted delay in bringing it to closure. The district filed its response with the Department in early July. According to Dr. Noonan, “The right thing would have been to immediately acknowledge there were absolutely no testing improprieties at Strath Haven, and to commend the extraordinary efforts that were made by the school to strengthen student achievement.” The Superintendent went on to say, “We continue to invite the Secretary of Education and his staff to visit Strath Haven at any time if they wish to see a great school in action.”