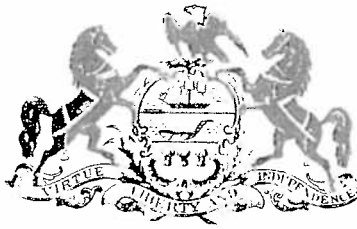


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MEMORANDUM

To: All House Members

From: Representative Seth Grove
196th Legislative District

Date: January 5, 2011

Subject: Co-sponsorship – Allowing School-Sanctioned, Educational Experiences to Count as Instructional Time (**Former HB 2639**)

I will soon be reintroducing House Bill 2639 from the 2009-2010 legislative session. Educational experiences, including field trips and other experiential learning, are a way to make learning come to life and give students the opportunity to learn by doing or seeing. In this time of fiscal strain, it is imperative that we provide our students with all of the valuable educational experiences that they deserve, and remove the barriers which prevent us from doing so.

Currently, educational experiences to which students, parents or guardians are charged admission cannot be counted as instructional time for the purpose of meeting the 180-day requirement for instruction. When school districts are struggling to make ends meet, it is important we still allow these learning experiences to occur and count as instructional time, even if they are paid for by students, parents or guardians.

I intend to introduce legislation in the near future expressly allowing school-sanctioned, educational experiences that are paid for wholly or in part by students, parents and guardians to count as instructional time.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Lisa Burkholder at lburkhol@pahousegop.com or 717-783-2655. Thank you for your consideration.

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