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**TO:** All Senators

**DATE:** December 20, 2010

**FROM:** Senator Mike Stack

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**SUBJECT:** Legislation amending the Public School Code to include "Patriotism, Citizenship and Human Rights Instruction"

In the near future, I will **reintroduce Senate Bill 824 of the 2009-10 session**, that would amend the Public School Code of 1949 mandating that students attending public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools shall be provided instruction in patriotism, citizenship and human rights issues.

The curriculum for human rights issues shall include the inhumanity of genocide and slavery, and shall pay particular attention to the study of the Holocaust and the Great Irish Hunger.

The curriculum developed in 1996 by the Great Irish Famine Curriculum Committee addresses laws, racism, eviction, mortality, emigration and genocide. These lessons are especially relevant today in light of the current international political and human rights situation. We must educate our children about past injustices so they are not repeated by future generations.

**Previous co-sponsors included Senators Browne, Fontana, Musto, Rafferty, and Washington.**

If you wish to join me in co-sponsoring this legislation, please call 7-9608. Thank you.