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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative John R. Evans *JRE*

DATE: January 12, 2011

RE: COSPONSORSHIP MEMO - ALLOWING PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN THE RESIDENT DISTRICT (Former HB 1540)

In the near future, I will be reintroducing former House Bill 1540 from the 2009-2010 legislative session. This legislation would allow students enrolled in nonpublic and private schools to participate in extracurricular activities in their resident district, provided that the school they are enrolled in does not offer the activity.

Many private schools are unable to offer the same breadth of extracurricular activities as larger public schools, due to factors such as limited enrollment and fiscal constraints. This should not preclude nonpublic and private school students from having the same extracurricular opportunities as those students who attend a public school.

As a result of the PA Equal Access Bill of 2005 that amended the Public School Code (Act 14 of 1949), the School Code now permits the participation of privately-tutored and homeschooled students in extracurricular activities and athletics in the public school district of residence; however, it does not expressly include students who are enrolled in nonpublic institutions. My legislation would remedy this to provide the same access to students enrolled in nonpublic and private schools.

If you would like to join me in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact either Juanita or Anne via email at jhoffman@pahousegop.com or ayanikov@pahousegop.com.

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