



Senate of Pennsylvania

MEMO

TO: All Senators

DATE: December 10, 2010

FROM: Senator Lisa M. Boscota

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SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation

In the near future, I plan to reintroduce two pieces of legislation that would increase the penalties for school administrators, teachers or employees convicted of drug possession or delivery on school property.

In 2007, a middle-school principal in my district was arrested as he sat at his desk with a glass pipe, \$200 in marked money and crystal methamphetamine. He confessed to using and dealing drugs in his office and pleaded guilty to two counts of delivery of crystal meth and one count of possession with intent to deliver. He served a 2-year minimum sentence before receiving parole.

The following year, a maintenance worker in this same school district pleaded guilty to conspiring to sell cocaine on school property and received probation—with no jail time.

Schools are meant to be drug-free zones for our youth. We need to increase the penalties for those administrators, teachers or employees using or selling drugs inside of the schools.

My first bill would amend Title 18 (Drug-free zones) to impose an additional two years to an individual's sentence as an aggravating circumstance. The second bill would make such a conviction automatically include forfeiture of an individual's public pension.

These bills are the reintroduction of Senate Bills 869 and 870 from the previous legislative session. Co-sponsors of both bills included Senators Washington, Tartaglione, Fontana, Rafferty, Alloway, Waugh, Farnese and D. White.

If you are interested in joining me as a co-sponsor, please contact Julie Carraghan in my office at 787-4236 or by e-mail at jcarraghan@pasenate.com.