

Memorandum

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Tim Mahoney

DATE: March 30, 2011

SUBJECT: **Co-Sponsorship Resolution: "Consolidating School Administrations"**

In the near future, I plan to introduce a non-controversial resolution that encourages school districts in Pennsylvania to study the fiscal impact of consolidating the administrations of school districts within their county.

As you know, property tax relief has been a top priority of the legislature for several years. Our constituents expect property tax relief and they expect new and creative ideas to save money in these difficult economic times. Furthermore, in this global economy, it is essential that our children receive the most effective and efficient education possible in order to assure that the United States remains competitive.

In my home district in Fayette County, a consolidation study will be completed in spring 2011 which will examine possible cost savings through the consolidation of school district administrations throughout the county. The results of this study will be used in gathering petition signatures to ultimately initiate a referendum for Fayette County voters. The referendum will ask the electorate whether they support consolidating the administrations of school districts. School districts would keep their separate identities and community atmosphere, particularly the names of buildings and facilities, sport teams, nicknames, mascots, and other identifying features.

By consolidating school administrations, we would be able to provide a better educational environment for our students, share resources and contracts, and lower costs for taxpayers. If you would like to join me in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact my office at (717) 772-2174 or e-mail EReever@pahouse.net.