



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
House of Representatives

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TO : All House Members
FROM : Representative Will Tallman
SUBJECT : Co-Sponsorship to repeal Sections 2502.48 & .49 of the Public School Code
DATE : April 1, 2011

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation to repeal Sections 2502.48 & .49 of the Public School Code. This mandate reduces the flexibility of school districts to use their basic education funds to meet their individual needs; rather it requires school districts to spend the funding increase on areas included on the list in the school code. The menu of options set forth in the school code reflects the priorities of the people in Harrisburg, PDE and the State Board i.e. Ivory Palaces.

It is noted that this provision required school districts to start programs that were unsustainable without the continued massive infusion of funding. Now the Commonwealth and school districts are facing funding cuts and taxpayers are demanding a more effective and efficient use of taxpayer dollars.

While this requirement may not have an impact on current year funding, removing such a mandate reflects the philosophy of local control and increases future flexibility for the school districts. If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Jodi Addington in my Harrisburg office at (717) 783-8875 or via email jaddingt@pahousegop.com. Thank you for your consideration.