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Senate of Pennsylvania

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To: All Senators

From: Senator Vincent J. Hughes *VH*

Subject: Victory Academies

In the near future I will be introducing legislation that will make wholesale changes to the ways Pennsylvania's lowest performing schools are operated. The lowest 5% of schools would become Victory Academies and be reorganized. Victory Academies would require longer school days, Saturday classes, and summer school. Elementary schools would be required to have full-day kindergarten. Schools would have the option to use a Charter School operator, but only those who have a proven record of excellence.

Victory Academies would use data-driven strategies that have been proven to increase student achievement. Students would also have in-school access to social services in order to receive necessary services.

Please contact Jackie Hopp at 3-5337 or jhopp@pasenate.com by the close of business April 6, 2011 if you would like to co-sponsor this bill.