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TO: All House Members

SUBJECT: Safe Schools Legislation

FROM: Representative Julie Harhart

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JH", written over the name "Representative Julie Harhart".

Because the safety of our students, school staff and faculty is so important, I plan to reintroduce legislation (**former House Bill 1241 from last session**) that would help schools to be better prepared in the event of a serious crisis or incident.

My legislation provides for the creation of a safe schools advisory committee and the development of a safe school crisis plan by all school entities, including any public school district, intermediate unit, charter school, or area-vocational technical school or technical institute. The safe school crisis plans will include guidelines for prevention, early intervention, crisis intervention, and support services.

It is crucial schools be proactive in preventing crisis situations and also have policies and procedures in place should a crisis situation occur.

If you would like to join me in sponsoring this legislation, please contact Michele Warren by e-mailing mwarren@pahousegop.com or by calling my office at 772-5398.

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