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TO: All Senators
FROM: Senator Anthony H. Williams
DATE: September 22, 2011
SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation – **Philadelphia School Reform Commission**

In the near future, I will introduce legislation that will establish new requirements that the Philadelphia School Reform Commission must abide by. These requirements will increase the accountability of the Governor of Pennsylvania, the Mayor of Philadelphia, and the SRC members by ensuring that the SRC is connected to the people of Philadelphia and must report directly to the School District of Philadelphia parents on an annual basis.

This legislation will amend the Public School Code to include statutory language that will require that all members of the SRC be residents of Philadelphia. Furthermore, the terms of the SRC appointees will be coterminous with the Governor or Mayor of Philadelphia that have selected them for the positions. This legislation will create three more positions on the SRC, which will increase the size from five members to eight members. The additional SRC members will be an educator within the School District of Philadelphia, a parent or guardian of a student of the School District of Philadelphia, and a student of the School District of Philadelphia. The student will represent the interests of the student-body, but will not have voting rights in order to avoid the chance of a deadlocked vote. Lastly, the SRC members will be prohibited from engaging in business activities with each other outside of the official functions of the School Reform Commission.

If you wish to co-sponsor this legislation or require further details, please contact Donald Gordon, Esq., in my office at 787-5970 or at dgordon@pasenate.com.