



*Senate of Pennsylvania*

*Senator Jim Ferlo*  
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**To:** *All Senators*  
**Date:** *January 23, 2012*  
**From:** *Senator Jim Ferlo*  
**Subject:** *Co-sponsorship of Legislation to Eliminate Commonwealth Partnership Sunset Provisions*

In the near future I plan to introduce legislation reenacting a portion of Article XVII-B of the Public School Code of 1949 which applies to the Pittsburgh School District.

The legislation will permit the Pittsburgh School District to continue its designation as a Commonwealth Partnership School District, which provides needed flexibility under the School Code.

The Commonwealth Partnership status has provided the School District of Pittsburgh with several management tools including the ability to dispose of real estate more efficiently in conjunction with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh as appropriate, the ability to demote under-performing administrators without the necessity of a demotion hearing under Section 1151 of the School Code and the ability to renegotiate contracts, other than collective bargaining contracts, for improving operations.

This designation is set to expire on June 30, 2012. However, because Article XVII-B has sunset these sections need to be reenacted.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation please write Anne Laird Huber at [alairdhuber@pasenate.com](mailto:alairdhuber@pasenate.com) or call 787-6123.