

TO: All House Members  
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In the near future, I will introduce legislation to add charter schools and cyber charter schools to the new teacher evaluation system that was approved as part of the Education Code in June.

As you recall, when the new evaluation system passed the House unanimously on June 28, 2012, it included all public school teachers: those in traditional public schools, charter schools, cyber schools, intermediate units and vocational-technical schools. The vote on House Bill 1980 on June 28 was 201-0. The Senate removed charter schools and cyber charter schools from the new evaluation system and the final legislation that was approved as part of the Education Code on June 30 applied only to educators in school districts, intermediate units and area vocational-technical schools.

The attached legislation adds charter school teachers and cyber school teachers so that they will be covered by the new evaluation system which is scheduled to be implemented starting in Fall 2013. As with the evaluation system that was approved in June, this legislation would apply to "professional employees and temporary professional employees serving as classroom teachers, principals and nonteaching professional employees."

The new evaluation system was designed, with the input of many stakeholders, to increase accountability in the evaluation process for educators across Pennsylvania. This proposed legislation would ensure that all public school educators are covered by the new evaluation system, and provide that these same standards of accountability apply to charter and cyber schools.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, you can reply to this email ([ssamuels@pahouse.net](mailto:ssamuels@pahouse.net)), or you can contact my Harrisburg office at 717-705-1881 or email Theresa Collins at [tcollins@pahouse.net](mailto:tcollins@pahouse.net)