

Fran Prebish

From: Mike Leichter <mike.leichter@pennmanor.net>
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2014 10:29 AM
To: Fran Prebish
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Subject: RE: Financial Literacy

Fran,

Dr. Richard Frerichs is the 2014 president of PSBA and a member of the Penn Manor School Board of which I serve in my role as Superintendent of Schools. He requested that I reach out to you to provide some input on the Financial Literacy legislation.

As a former social studies teacher who had a concentration in economics as an undergraduate at Grove City College, I appreciate the emphasis on financial literacy for our children. My desire for this kind of course work in our curriculum is outweighed by the financial struggles experienced by all schools in the Commonwealth. Please convey my appreciation to Rep. Brown along with my concerns that with the current financial circumstances in schools, we simply cannot add graduation requirements with so many other mandates at this time. The addition of a one semester course at Penn Manor High School with its 1750 students would necessitate the hiring of approximately three teachers at a time when we are projecting the need to eliminate up to 30 positions over the next five years due to the increasing costs of pension contributions. In addition, with the other requirements of Keystone testing and implementation of PA Core as well as a host of other requirements, another curriculum requirement would be challenging for schools to implement.

I would be happy to speak with you about my thoughts in person. Thank you for soliciting feedback.

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Does Penn Manor want to respond to this inquiry from Rep Brown?