

ABOLISH SCHOOL PROPERTY TAXES!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED NOW!

School property tax legislation will be considered in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in the **VERY NEAR FUTURE**. We need **YOUR HELP** to ensure that the politicians do what is right for the taxpayers and students of Pennsylvania.

Enact House Bill 1275 the *School Property Tax Elimination Act* to permanently replace a broken education finance system.

What House Bill 1275 does:

- ♦ **ABOLISHES** the school property tax on all homesteads and farmsteads as well as eliminates the local school EIT and other school nuisance taxes.
- ♦ Finances property tax elimination by broadening the base of the sales tax to include more services but **DOES NOT** raise the current 6% rate.
- ♦ Exempt from the tax are food, clothing, utilities, home heating fuels, all health services and prescriptions drugs, public transportation, and core business-to-business services.
- ♦ Eliminates the taxing ability of local school boards... **FOREVER!**
- ♦ Imposes controls to limit the increase in school spending to the increase in the Consumer Price Index and adjusts funding for changing student enrollment.
- ♦ All schools will initially be funded at current levels from a dedicated statewide Education Operating Fund.
- ♦ Provides equity adjustments to bring less affluent districts to a statewide per-pupil benchmark level without reducing funding to more affluent districts. This will level the playing field between wealthier and poorer districts, ensuring that all students, regardless of their location or area's economic condition, will have the opportunity for a quality education.

This grassroots citizen effort to achieve equitable education finance reform can succeed with **YOUR help!**

As leader of the House Republican Caucus, Representative Sam Smith can deliver votes to aid the passage of HB 1275 and help to achieve the **ELIMINATION** of school property taxes for homeowners. Unfortunately, Representative Smith has not yet indicated that he will support this measure for the benefit of his constituents and **ALL** Pennsylvanians.

- ♦ **E-mail or telephone Representative Smith NOW** to tell him that you expect him to support HB 1275.
- ♦ **Tell Representative Smith that your vote in 2008 will be determined by his support of HB 1275, the *School Property Tax Elimination Act*.**

YOU can help to restore true home ownership for all Pennsylvanians!

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