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The Honorable Jeffrey E. Piccola
Chairman, Senate Education Committee
Senate Box 203015
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Dear Senator Piccola:

Subject: Support for Mandate Relief

The PA Association of School Business Officials thanks you for your leadership and support of changes in the School Code to reduce mandates on schools. A reduction in state mandates will help to cut costs at a time when schools need to reduce costs, create efficiencies and preserve resources for classroom learning.

We are now facing the most challenging and serious school finance problems in since the Great Depression. In order to structure new ways to operate schools more efficiently we need a wholesale elimination of many archaic and costly mandates that have been embedded in state statute for decades.

There is no single solution to the complex financial issues every school across the state is now addressing in the 2011-12 budget. There will need to be many cost cutting and revenue enhancement measures developed to achieve necessary budget reductions. Elimination of unnecessary state mandates will help move us in new fiscal direction.

Thank you again for your efforts on this important issue.

Best regards,

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cc: The Honorable Andrew E. Dinniman, Democratic Chair, Senate Education Committee

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