
Memo: Excellence in Education for All (EEA)

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For our PA school: This is just an FYI. And part of this legislation emerging from the Senate Education Committee will include a significant increase in EITC and OSTC funding.

MEMORANDUM

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From: [Senator Scott Martin](#) and [Sen. John DiSanto](#), [Sen. Jake Corman](#)
To: All Senate members
Subject: Excellence in Education for All (EEA)

In the near future, we intend to introduce legislation in the form of Senate Bill 1, to be known as "*The Excellence in Education for All Act.*"

The goal of this comprehensive legislation is to allow parents in communities all across the Commonwealth to be directly involved in helping determine the best approach for the success of their child's education.

This legislation would provide additional resources for our most vulnerable students, while ensuring all families have equal access and maximum flexibility in schooling options. All students deserve an excellent education. No matter a child's ZIP code, educational needs, or parental income, each child should have access to the best schools and quality teaching to afford them the potential to succeed and the opportunities they deserve.

Now more than ever, we're seeing that in order to best prepare the next generation, we cannot take a one size fits all approach to education. There is no denying that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has further highlighted the need for increased educational opportunities.

As we look to the future and life after the pandemic, in order to best serve the education needs of all students we must provide opportunities to parents when choosing the educational options that work best for their children. Specifically, the key components of the legislation would include:

- Education Opportunity Accounts for PA's most vulnerable students
- Expansion of the existing EITC/OSTC tax credit scholarship programs
- Charter school reforms and innovations
- Equal access to the best public education, regardless of ZIP code
- Protections for coronavirus learning pods

We ask that you consider co-sponsoring this important legislation.

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