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## PA CAN LEARN FROM LOUISIANA REP'S SCHOOL CHOICE STAND



The moment school choice sheds the polarizing, partisan name tag is the moment we can embrace it for the sake of our kids. The fight for school choice in state legislatures across the country has been partisan and shameful. Educational options for kids and families are a good thing and should be encouraged.

Traditional public schools aren't for everyone. It's not the fault of the teachers or even the schools in most cases; it's the product of an ever-evolving crop of learners, particularly Gen Z students.

It's past time to admit that education reform is a bipartisan issue. Anyone who looks at our numbers—math and English proficiency for starters—has to believe we can do better.

Pennsylvania is a state that's ready for this kind of movement, and we have opportunities that

can be seized with some hard work and a bit of courage. Lifeline Scholarships offer our Democrat governor another swing at a failed campaign promise. Pennsylvania Democrat State Sen. Anthony Williams has introduced Senate Bill 1057, a school choice bill that would focus its attention on aiding students in low-achieving schools. And perhaps the boldest of all is my House Bill 1904, the Student Freedom Account Act, a universal school choice bill that would affectively offer

each and every K-12 child an avenue for excellence, regardless of their ZIP code.

Any or all of these options would be great, and I pledge my support for each of them with equal vigor. We have the legislation. We have the momentum and public support. We even have the campaign promises. Now all we need is a few people with the courage to step outside of their political allegiances and stand with me and countless others in defense of our children.

*This is an excerpt of my op-ed that appeared in the Epoch Times.*

## Leading in all the Wrong Categories



I teamed up with my colleague, Rep. Mike Jones, to write an op-ed about Pennsylvania's lack of economic competitiveness. As part of our article states, "Pennsylvania need not be shrinking, aging, and losing wealth. We can and should compete again. But to reverse this modern curse, we have to look at more government as the enemy to competition, not the antidote."

*This op-ed was the second in a series with the first piece published by PennLive.*

## Hitting the Airways



I continually look for ways to keep the 47th Legislative District informed. In addition to my website, weekly e-Blasts and social media pages, I often appear on radio or television programs to discuss the issues we are tackling in Harrisburg. Some of the recent topics include college protests and free speech, protecting children from unfair labor practices, and the governor and state Liquor Control Board's overreach during and post-COVID. Is there a topic that you want to learn more about? Drop me an email and let's chat!



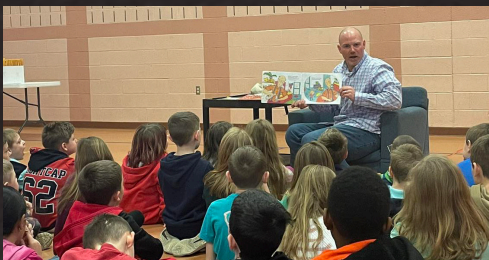
Here I am with DownTown, the York Revolution mascot.



I enjoyed meeting with Northeastern School District administrators, school counselors and board members.



A lot of documents were safely destroyed at our shredding event!



To mark *Read Across America Week*, I read to over 800 students in the 47th!



Welcoming the PIAA 6A state champion Central York School District Panthers basketball team to the Capitol.



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## SAVE THE DATE

**Tuesday**

8/6

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENTS

- **Northern York County Regional Police** | 5:30 – 8 p.m.  
Union Fire and Hose Company | 30 E. Canal St., Dover, PA 17315
- **York County Regional Police Dept.** | 5 – 8:30 p.m.  
Orendorf Elementary | 101 S. Hartman St., Manchester, PA 17345
- **Springettsbury Township Police Dept.** | 5 – 8 p.m.  
Springettsbury Park | 1501 Mt. Zion Road, York, PA 17402
- **Hellam Township Police Dept.** | 6 – 8 p.m.  
Hellam Township Municipal Complex  
Public Works Bldg. | 45 Walnut Springs Road, York, PA 17406

**Saturday**

9/7

9 - 11 a.m.

### CONCEALED CARRY SEMINAR

**Springettsbury Township Building** | 1501 Mt. Zion Road, York, PA 17402

This is not a Springettsbury Township event. Springettsbury Township neither encourages nor discourages participation in the activity described above.

## STRAIGHT TO THE POINT

with Rep. Joe D'Orsie

I get Straight to the Point in my podcast that shares Capitol news in about 10 minutes. In each episode, a guest joins me as we examine bills and issues that impact your life. I've covered topics ranging from school choice to the budget and everything in between. You can listen on Apple Podcasts, Spotify or by visiting

[RepJoeD.com/mypodcasts](http://RepJoeD.com/mypodcasts)



Java with Joe is returning in September. I invite you to join me on the second Thursday morning of every month from 9 - 10:30 a.m. These meetings are typically at my office, but we do take this format "on the road" from time to time. Be sure to follow me on Facebook or subscribe to my weekly emails for our upcoming schedule.