



June 11, 2018

Senate Education Committee
Pennsylvania Senate
Re: Senate Bill 1181

Dear Senator,

On behalf of the 4,500 elected officials who govern the commonwealth's public school districts, **we are writing to request your support of Senate Bill 1181 sponsored by Senator Guy Reschenthaler (Allegheny)**, which would include the option for mental health screenings as part of a student's annual physical exam. The bill is being considered by the Senate Education Committee on Tuesday, June 12, 2018.

Mental health screening can play an important role in helping to identify students who need additional services. Districts need legislation that complies with current timelines of health screenings that is not burdensome to school administration but it is effective in encouraging screening of students. Screenings could assist school faculty and staff in working proactively with students. Senate Bill 1181 would accomplish just that: promote mental health screenings in a flexible manner within current health screening procedures.

PSBA would like to extend sincere thanks to Senator Reschenthaler for his work in sponsoring Senate Bill 1181. This legislation will improve the overall health and well-being of our students across Pennsylvania.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at (717) 506-2450 x3337.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John M. Callahan' with a decorative flourish at the end.

John M. Callahan
Assistant Executive Director

