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Back-to-School Affordability

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

I recently had the opportunity to participate in a House Republican Policy Committee hearing not far from the 137th District to address an issue that impacts so many Pennsylvania families: the rising cost of back-to-school supplies.

The focus of our discussion was House Bill 1596, which would create an annual back-to-school sales tax holiday in Pennsylvania. This legislation is designed to provide meaningful, targeted relief so families can afford essential school supplies when they need them most.

The hearing, titled "Affordability for Families," was held at Crayola's world headquarters in Forks Township, a fitting location given Crayola's deep ties to education and back-to-school traditions.

Back-to-school shopping shouldn't break the bank. I'm committed to working toward policies that make life more affordable for hardworking families across our Commonwealth.

New Law Puts Cursive Instruction Back in Schools

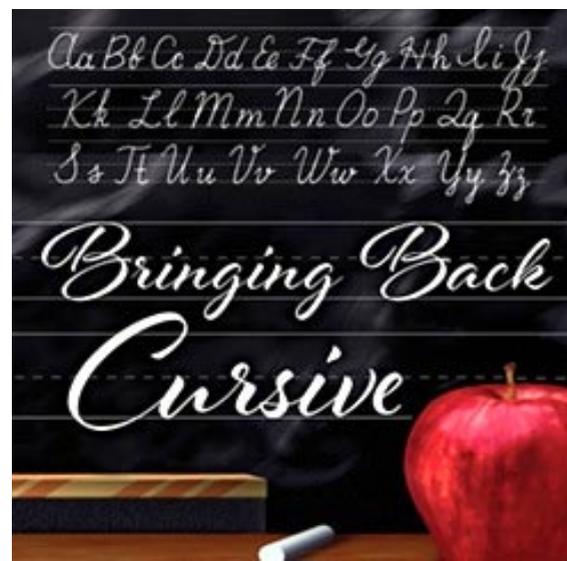
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Recognizing the educational and historical value of cursive handwriting, the General Assembly recently passed and the governor signed into law legislation to bring cursive instruction back to Pennsylvania classrooms.

Studies show that writing in cursive activates brain regions tied to memory, language and critical thinking. It also builds fine motor skills, improving coordination and dexterity. These are all benefits that extend well beyond the classroom.

Cursive is also a key to unlocking history. Foundational documents like the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution were penned in cursive. Ensuring future generations can read and write in this style keeps those texts accessible, strengthening civic engagement and historical literacy.

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