

## State College newsletter article

*PA Schools Work* is a nonpartisan statewide initiative working to ensure all Pennsylvania students have the resources to succeed. At the November workshop, representatives from statewide education groups including PSEA, PASBO, PAIU, and Ed Voters of PA addressed attendees and offered several pieces of advice for our advocacy work.

Mainly, it is our job to educate the legislators; we don't care if they have R or D by their name, but we do want an E for education. Help legislators understand what today's educational environment needs to prepare students for the future. Most effective is developing relationships with legislators and their staff to share individual stories through meetings or personal letters. Formulaic emails from organizations are not effective; rather, send letters with personal stories to both the Harrisburg and local offices.

Please join this new network of education advocates at [paschoolswork.org](http://paschoolswork.org). As this new year begins the state's budgeting cycle, please consider advocating for public school funding and sharing your personal story with our state legislators:

**State Senator Jake Corman**—*34th District* E-mail: [jcorman@pasen.gov](mailto:jcorman@pasen.gov)

236 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte, PA 16823

(814) 355-0477

**State Representative H. Scott Conklin**—*77th District* Website: [www.pahouse.com/Conklin](http://www.pahouse.com/Conklin)

301 South Allen Street, Suite 102 State College, PA 16801 (814) 238-5477

**State Representative Kerry A. Benninghoff** *171st District* E-mail:

[https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/member\\_information/house\\_bio.cfm?id=215](https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/member_information/house_bio.cfm?id=215)

140 West High Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

(814) 355-1300

**Rich Irvin**—*81st district*

102 E. Plank Road, Port Matilda, PA 16870 (814) 692-4577

[https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/member\\_information/house\\_bio.cfm?id=1691](https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/member_information/house_bio.cfm?id=1691)