

West Chester Area School District
Legislative Action Committee Meeting
February 28, 2019
6:30 PM

Spellman Education Center
782 Springdale Drive, Exton, PA 19341
Training Room – 2nd floor

A G E N D A

A. Legislation-

1. **Harrisburg Landscape** – Alex Rahn
2. **HB 97** - Charter School Legislation – more autonomy for charter schools, and new funding calculation
3. **SB 76 – Property Tax Independence Act** – restructures tax collection to eliminate property tax and replace with personal income tax, sales tax, and tax rebates for senior citizens. The state of PA would provide a formula for distribution of school district funds.
4. **SCO 557** – Teacher Effectiveness

B. Act 158: Keystone Exams – passed in spring 2018 - This law:

1. Eliminated the project-based assessment
2. Students are still required to take the Keystone exams once but do not have to pass to graduate.
3. Allow school districts to provide alternative path to graduation.
 - a. Complete a career awareness plan and pass coursework
 - b. Pass the Keystone exams
 - c. Pass alternate exams such as Technical School Skills tests, SAT, Advanced Placement Exams.

C. Act 44 -School Safety Legislation –

1. Passed into law in summer 2018 – Tip line went into effect January 14
2. Update on safety grant money - \$113 million in requests- only \$40 million in state funding.

D. Proposal for Act 1 exemption for safety and security measures in a school district

1. Need for support for this legislation.
2. Review of legislative language

E. Next meeting dates:

1. **Tuesday April 9** – 6:30 p.m.
2. **Wednesday May 29** – 6:30 p.m.