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## **MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation

TO: All House Members

fol FROM: Representative Larry O. Sather

In the near future, I will be reintroducing legislation establishing the **Basic Education-Higher** Education Science Partnership Program (previously HB2793 of last session).

As required by Act 22 of 1997, the Pennsylvania Department of Education completed a feasibility study entitled "Pennsylvania's Science Partnership Project" in February of 1998. This study examined various Science Partnership Models across the Commonwealth to examine proven methods of sharing resources. As the emerging work force must be able to function in jobs that require increasing knowledge within science and technology, the study also examined how partnerships contribute to a well-trained and well-educated work force.

This legislation would enable a higher education institution and local schools or school districts to form a partnership which would augment and complement the science curriculum provided by schools.

I encourage your support of this important program. If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Nancy Paone at 7-3335 or via GroupWise or e-mail at npaone@pahousegop.com.

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