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**EMPOWERING PARENTS**  
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**ENRICHING STUDENTS**

A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE MESSAGE *from*  Assemblyman **Joe DeStefano**

# I AM WORKING TO IMPROVE EDUCATION BY:



“Education equips people with the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in the workforce. Allowing parents to have a say and ensuring we have curriculums that are built on values and development are essential for creating a supportive and effective learning environment for students.”

*Assemblyman Joe DeStefano*

- ✔ **Supporting** the “Rebuild Our Schools Act” to increase aid for projects addressing capacity shortages.<sup>1</sup>
- ✔ **Backing** efforts to protect freedom of speech and the press in school-sponsored newspapers.<sup>2</sup>
- ✔ **Co-sponsoring** legislation to require every district to have a certified School Safety Specialist to coordinate training and emergency planning.<sup>3</sup>
- ✔ **Advocating** for locally chosen School Resource Officers by making SRO salaries aidable under state education aid.<sup>4</sup>
- ✔ **Endorsing** measures to strengthen reading outcomes by requiring evidence-based literacy training for new teachers.<sup>5</sup>

1. A2488 | 2. A8064 | 3. A02494 | 4. A06605 | 5. A03937



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AS ALWAYS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL MY OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.  
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