

# State Representative **ROB MERCURI** Serving PA's 28th Legislative District

## MODERNIZING EDUCATION IN PA

Preparing our children for a prosperous future requires us to think innovatively about our education system and be willing to take bold steps to support Pennsylvania students in new ways.

As part of last year's state budget, the 2022 school code established the Education and Economic Competitiveness Commission to innovate the future of education in Pennsylvania by 2030.

I am excited to have been selected to be a part of this important effort on behalf of the people of Pennsylvania and for our children's future. As the governor and the legislature continue to work through this year's budget impasse, the concept of modernizing our education continues to be an area of negotiation, and I hope a pathway to lead us forward.

We expect our students to graduate and be ready to take on a constantly changing job market and participate as stakeholders in society. Yet, we still rely on outdated methods and are falling behind the rest of the world on basic literacy and numeracy skills necessary to prepare our students for the next stage of their education, lives and work.

The commission's goal is to create a shared, statewide, bipartisan vision for 21st century education that will prepare all students to be lifelong learners and compete in a globalized economy reshaped by technology. We aim to establish the policies and regulations necessary to give all students the support and flexibility they need to succeed in the world.

I am eager to embark on this important work for our children's generation and beyond.

## HELP FOR THE HURTING

Recently \$100 million in funding for mental health services was approved to be distributed across Pennsylvania. This legislation has been over a year in the making and is now heading off to the Senate and then hopefully to the governor's desk for his signature. Last year these funds were approved, along with the formation of a commission to help allocate the money.

One of my top priorities as state representative is to help solve the mental health crisis facing many Pennsylvanians. I have taken an active approach by forming and working with the North Hills Mental Health and Substance Use Task Force.

Since its inception, the task force has worked to inform the public and reduce stigma that is often associated with mental health and substance use issues. Together with other community leaders we make real, positive change in our community.

The task force was started with the goal of improving the lives of those who are suffering with mental health or substance use issues and their families and friends. For additional information and resources on this and more, you can head to my website, [reprobmercuri.com](http://reprobmercuri.com), and click on the "resources" tab to learn more.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

# COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

*Inspiring the Next Generation*

**09.14.23**

7:30 to 9 a.m.

**Pine Community Center**

100 Pine Dr., Wexford, PA 15090

Please join me for a discussion with  
Gregg Behr, Director of the  
Grable Foundation, on  
**Inspiring the Next Generation.**

# Community Health Fair

**Saturday, Sept. 30, 9 a.m. - noon**

**AHN Wexford Health &  
Wellness Pavilion, Second Floor**

12311 Perry Highway | Wexford, PA 15090

To make a flu shot appointment,  
please call my district office.

★ Exhibits ★ Free Flu Shots ★ Refreshments ★ Door Prizes

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