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Cyber school hearings next week

## House Education Committee to hold hearings on cyber school legislation - PSBA urges school board members to attend!

As reported last week in the *Legislative Report*, the House Education Committee will be traveling to Pittsburgh & Beaver County to hold hearings on **Tuesday**, **July 31**, **and Wednesday**, **August 1**. Representatives of PSBA will testify at both hearings in support of cyber charter school legislation including: <u>HB 446</u>, <u>HB 738</u>, <u>HB 1407</u> and <u>HB 1655</u>. Both meetings are open to the public and PSBA expects a large contingent of cyber charter school supporters to attend. The schedule is:

**Pittsburgh:** July 31, 1 p.m., Point Park University, the Ballroom in Lawrence Hall, 201 Wood St., Pittsburgh.

**Beaver County:** Aug. 1, 10 a.m., Community College of Beaver County, Library Building, Lower Level, 1 Campus Drive, Monaca.

## Cyber school advocates are heavily publicizing attendance and it is important for school board members to be there if possible to show their support!

House Education Committee staff also informed PSBA that there will most likely be two more hearings on the cyber charter school issue before legislators return to session in September. Hearings will be held in the central and eastern regions of the Commonwealth. Dates, times and locations have not been determined yet. PSBA will inform you of those details when we receive them.

If you have questions about the hearing, you may contact Kelli Thompson, government affairs specialist, at (800) 932-0588, ext. 3323, or <u>kelli.thompson@psba.org</u>. You may also contact Tim Allwein, assistant executive director for governmental and member relations, at <u>tim.allwein@psba.org</u>, or Beth Winters, director of legislative services, at <u>beth.winters@psba.org</u>. Thank you!

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