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## **BASIC EDUCATION FUNDING COMMISSION**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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### **Basic Education Funding Commission Hearing on Tuesday in Allentown**

HARRISBURG – As co-chairs of the Basic Education Funding Commission, state Rep. Mike Sturla, D-Lancaster, and Sen. Kristin Phillips-Hill, R-York, today announced details of the commission's first hearing:

**WHEN:** Tuesday, September 12 at 10 a.m.

**WHERE:** Allentown School District Administration Building, School Board Room, 31 South Penn Street, Allentown.

**WHAT:** Testimonies will include discussion of a new study regarding adequate school funding, perspective of local superintendents, and school facilities' environmental impact. Hosted by Rep. Pete Schweyer, D-Lehigh, and Sen. Nick Miller, D-Lehigh/Northampton, the agenda is:

- 10:00 a.m. Call to Order and Opening Remarks
- 10:10 a.m. Dr. Matthew Kelly, Assistant Professor, Penn State University
- 10:45 a.m. Panel One:
  - Dr. Carol Birks, Superintendent, Allentown School District
  - Dr. Jack Silva, Superintendent, Bethlehem School District
  - Lynn Fueini-Hetten, Superintendent, Salisbury School District
- 11:35 a.m. Panel Two:
  - Julie Cousler, Executive Director, Pennsylvania School-Based Health Alliance
  - Dr. Marilyn Howarth, FACOEM, Deputy Director, Philadelphia Regional Center for Children's Environmental Health
- 12:00 p.m. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

The public can submit comments to be entered into the record via the Contact Us section of the commission's website: [www.basiceducationfundingcommission.com](http://www.basiceducationfundingcommission.com).

The hearing will be streamed live at [www.basiceducationfunding.com/Meetings](http://www.basiceducationfunding.com/Meetings).

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