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Basic Education Funding Commission Hearing on Thursday in Philadelphia

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 third hearing:

WHEN: Thursday, September 14 at 2 p.m.

WHERE: Philadelphia School District Administration Building, School Board Room, 440 North Broad Street, Philadelphia

WHAT: Testimonies will include discussion of perspective of local superintendents and teachers and impact of trauma on learning. Hosted by Sen. Vincent Hughes, D-Philadelphia, and Rep. Mary Isaacson, D-Philadelphia, the agenda is:

2:00 p.m. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

2:10 p.m. Panel One:

- Dr. Tony Watlington, Superintendent, School District of Philadelphia
- Christopher Dormer, Superintendent of Norristown School District

2:40 p.m. Panel Two:

- Arthur Steinberg, President, American Federation of Teachers-PA
- Jerry Jordan, President, Philadelphia Federation of Teachers
- Ashely Cooca, School Counselor, School District of Philadelphia
- Fatoumata Sidibe, Student, William W. Bodine High School

3:10 p.m. Panel Three:

- Donna Cooper, Executive Director, Children First
- Joan Duval Flynn, Chairperson, Trauma Informed Education Coalition
- Mary Beth Hays, Director of Philadelphia Healthy and Safe Schools, Temple University
- Dr. Shawn Ginwright, Founder and CEO, Flourish Agenda

4:00 p.m. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

The public can submit comments to be entered into the record at www.basiceducationfundingcommission.com/contact. The hearing will be streamed live at www.basiceducationfundingcommission.com/meetings.

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