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## **BASIC EDUCATION FUNDING COMMISSION**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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### **Final Basic Education Funding Commission Hearing on Thursday in Harrisburg**

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

**WHEN:** Thursday, November 16 at 10 a.m.

**WHERE:** North Office Building, Hearing Room 1, Capitol Complex, Harrisburg

**WHAT:** Testimonies will include discussion about charter schools, student services, early childhood education, and libraries.

The agenda is:

- 10:00 a.m. Call to Order and Opening Remarks
- 10:10 a.m. Panel of Brick-and-Mortar Charter Schools:
  - Ryan Schumm, Executive Officer, Charter Choices
  - Debi Durso, Member of Philadelphia Charters for Excellence Policy Committee and CEO/Principal of Green Woods Charter School
  - Dr. Tina Chekan, CEO, Propel Charter Schools
- 10:50 a.m. Panel of Cyber Charter Schools:
  - Jane Swan, CEO, Reach Cyber Charter School
  - Dr. Richard Jensen, CEO, Agora Cyber Charter School
  - Mark Allen, CEO, Pennsylvania Leadership Charter School (PALCS)
- 11:30 a.m. Panel Three:
  - Dr. Adam Oldham, LPC, NCSC, High School Counselor, Pennsylvania Coalition of Student Services Associations
  - Christi Buker, CAE, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Library Association
  - Angela Marks, Founder, Reading Allowed
  - Susan DeJarnatt, Professor of Law, Temple University Beasley School of Law
- 12:10 p.m. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

The public can submit comments to be entered into the record at [www.basiceducationfundingcommission.com/contact](http://www.basiceducationfundingcommission.com/contact).

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

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