

State Rep. Maloney will hold school property tax forum at Daniel Boone Middle School

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State Rep. David Maloney, Berks County, has announced that he will be hosting a school property tax review for the public at the Daniel Boone Middle School Auditorium, Amity Township, on Aug. 29th from 7 to 9 PM.

“I have long said that Berks County is ‘Ground Zero’ for the debate over school property taxes. It is the issue I hear about most frequently from constituents.” said Rep. Maloney.

Maloney said “Our agenda for Aug. 29th is to lay out to the public where we are at this point in time in the fight to reduce and eliminate school property taxes in Pennsylvania. Several of my State House colleagues and I will present the most current data we have and discuss the challenges we face in our 130th District and statewide.”

State Representatives Seth Grove (York) and Jim Cox (Berks) who are both co-team leaders for the House Majority Policy Committee will be on hand as well as Representatives Doug Reichley (Berks/Lehigh), Marcy Toepel (Montgomery) and Mark Gillen (Berks) who will all participate in the forum.

“We have a lot of information to put forward and we will talk about previous tax relief efforts like legalized gaming and Act 1. We will talk about school district growth versus state funding over the last ten years. At the end of the presentation we will take questions.” Maloney added.

“No two counties in Pennsylvania are alike as we all struggle with higher school property taxes. In some parts of Pennsylvania, school property taxes are not an issue, but they are a problem here. We have information and numbers that most people have not seen and it looks at school property taxes on a statewide view. I felt it was necessary to share this data. There are hot spots in Pennsylvania where this is a serious concern. We in the southeast live in a hot spot.”

Maloney added that part of the purpose for this event is to let residents know work continues on the issue