

A Resolution urging legislative action to repeal the Teacher Tenure Act of 1938, as amended by the Columbia County Republican County Committee

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Republican Committee members recognize the need for a thorough and efficient system of public schools within the Commonwealth, and

WHEREAS, it is within the prevue of the General Assembly of the state of Pennsylvania to adopt a changing program to keep abreast of educational advances; and

WHEREAS, the legislature has set up in this Act a tenure system for teachers and has provided for their qualifications, compensation and contracts, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature may abolish this Act, in toto, if it deems it necessary to do so under Article X, Section 1; and

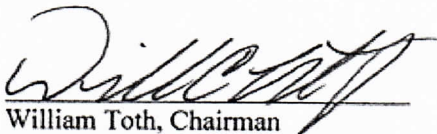
WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has no meaningful teacher evaluation systems based on a clear definition of teacher effectiveness.

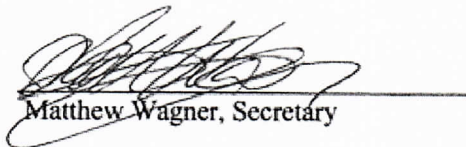
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbia County Republican County Committee calls upon the General Assembly to begin immediate consideration of repealing the Teacher Tenure Act of 1938, as amended and to also implement a teacher evaluation system in order to provide useful information with which to measure teacher effectiveness, while ensuring that state-level tenure reforms are not overridden by local collective bargaining agreements by articulating explicit statutory language to this effect; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly should leverage education funding to push Districts to deploy more meaningful teacher evaluation systems based on a clear definition of teacher effectiveness.

Adopted this 29 day of JULY, 2010.

Signed,


William Toth, Chairman


Matthew Wagner, Secretary