



# BYE, BYE LOCAL CONTROL!

With the elimination of school property taxes, comes the total elimination of taxing authority by locally elected school boards and a total undercutting of local control.

As a result, school board members—individuals locally elected by their communities to make the important decisions about how to run, operate and finance their district's schools—will be rendered useless.

Under property tax elimination, Harrisburg becomes the de facto school board for 500 school districts. A school district will have no authority to hire new staff, negotiate contracts, implement new programs—even mandated ones, replace old buses, refresh technology, repave the parking lot or simply respond to the changing needs of their students.

What happens if there is an increase in special education costs? What happens if charter school costs increase? What happens if the boiler must be replaced? The very individuals elected to respond to those issues will have no authority to do so.

At the end of the day, property tax elimination creates even bigger government in Harrisburg. It erases Pennsylvania's history of local control of education, handing the keys of 500 school districts to 253 individuals who were not elected to run them.

The PA Association of School Business Officials (PASBO) strongly opposes the elimination of school property taxes, and we ask that you understand the very negative implications this proposal has for your taxpayers, school districts and students.

