



PA COALITION OF STUDENT SERVICES ASSOCIATIONS

**ENDORSEMENT of the PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL COUNSELING SERVICES ACT**  
*House Bill 1665; Senate Bill 33*

To whom it may concern,

As a coalition of certified student services professionals and the associations they represent, PACSSA strongly supports legislation aimed at enhancing the effectiveness of school counselors in Pennsylvania. We understand the critical role that school counseling services play in fostering healthy student development, supportive school environments, addressing student mental health needs, and promoting success for all students within our educational systems.

We believe that students and school environments are best supported by school-employed, certified student services professionals, including school counselors. We applaud legislation that encourages role clarity among student services professionals in Pennsylvania. By fostering transparent, collaborative, interdisciplinary teamwork and communication as emphasized in policies like the Pennsylvania School Counseling Services Act (HB 1665), we can maximize the effectiveness of our efforts to support healthy and holistic student growth, and better serve the diverse needs of students and families.

The Pennsylvania School Counseling Services Act (HB 1665 and SB 33) represents a significant step forward in prioritizing the well-being and success of Pennsylvania's students. We urge you to support this critical legislation and join us in advocating for its swift passage and implementation.

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