

## **More facts when speaking to your legislatures about House Bill 526 and Senate Bill 34 regarding funding reform for Cyber Schools**

1. Line Mountain is one of More than 150 districts have already developed their own high-quality cyber programs to provide students with a wide variety of learning options.
2. Line Mountain's cyber school can provide our own online learning programs for regular and special education at one-third (1/3) the costs for cyber charter tuition.
3. The reform provided under these bills offer real relief to school districts that are mandated to pay tuition to charter schools they did not authorize – to the tune of over \$500,000.00 annually.
4. The savings stay within the districts, benefiting all of our students while controlling costs.
5. Pennsylvania Public School Districts paid cyber charter schools more than \$463 million in 2016-17.
6. More than 100 school districts paid cyber charter tuition payments of greater than \$1 million. The average total cyber charter school tuition payment made by a district was \$926,000.
7. The average cyber charter tuition rate for a regular education student is \$11,306, yet district-run cyber programs averaged about \$5,000 per student – Line Mountain's cyber tuition is \$3,188.00.
8. Special education students attending cyber charters cost \$24,200 per year in tuition with a maximum rate of \$48,198 per student.
9. More than 390 school districts were forced to pay more than \$20,000 per student for special education students attending cyber charters; whereas, Line Mountain Cyber charged \$3,188.00.

We urge Line Mountain taxpayers to call their legislatures urging them to support SB 34 and HB 526 legislatures representing the Line Mountain School district are:

1. Representative Culver's office can be reached at (570) 286-5885.
2. Representative Masser's office can be reached at (570) 648-8017.
3. Senator Gordner's office can be reached at (570) 784-3464.