

Resolution No. 2011-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF CHAMBERSBURG
AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT URGING THE PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE TO FREE
OUR TAXPAYERS FROM THE UNDUE FISCAL BURDEN PLACED UPON THEM BY
THE PENNSYLVANIA PREVAILING WAGE ACT OF 1961

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act of 1961 requires that public construction, reconstruction, demolition, alteration and/or repair projects with an estimated cost greater than \$25,000 pay laborers a wage set by the Secretary of Labor and Industry rather than local market rates; and

WHEREAS, the prevailing wages set by the Secretary of Labor and Industry are generally 20-40% higher than local market labor rates; and

WHEREAS, the cost and burden of these artificially inflated wages are borne by taxpayers in the form of higher taxes than would otherwise be necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act institutionalizes overpayment by taxpayers for work that could be completed more economically with open competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, local contractors often choose not to bid on prevailing wage projects due to the administrative and financial overhead incurred; and

WHEREAS, quality of work and timeliness of completion are determined by adequate oversight and good job-specifications, not by paying inflated wages;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Chambersburg Area School District urges the Pennsylvania Legislature to free our taxpayers from the burden of the Prevailing Wage Act by its entire repeal or passage of House Bill 1191 or Senate Bill 795 which would exclude political subdivisions from the act and allow for local prevailing wage ordinances should the subdivision so choose.

DULY ADOPTED this 24th day of August, 2011

CHAMBERSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Franklin County, Pennsylvania

By: 
President of the Board of School Directors

ATTEST:


Secretary of the Board of School Directors