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What value do teacher strikes add to education? Since strikes are a costly and undesirable part of education in Pennsylvania, and do not benefit the student or consumer, can their elimination not be far behind? . As consumers and taxpayers, when we want a product to improve and change, market forces respond quickly and in variety. Zero trans fats in our food is a great example of quickly removing something the consumer does not want. So, why does State Representative Karen Bobach not understand what the parents, students and taxpayers know in the Lake Lehman school district? Is a another study of teacher strikes really needed to determine she needs to lead on this issue? Is another strike this year the answer to a better education or increased test scores? Other state Representatives, like Todd Rock, have already done the homework and have a solution that is elementary and whose time has come. Banning teacher strikes will insure the continuity of education and allow your nine member board to represent the voter and taxpayer, as intended by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. All legislators from Northeast Pennsylvania need to address the peoples issue of property taxes and teachers strikes, while not violating the state constitution like Senator Mellow's proposal! That is the way the founding fathers set up our government. When our elected officials decide to ban aluminum baseball bats and smoking, yet not address the recurring strikes that make Pennsylvania number one in teacher strikes in the nation, are you really being represented? The answer is no! And I know firsthand, wasting 4 years of time on teachers strikes in the Old Forge School District. I urge the directors of Lake Lehman to stand strong against the same two union actors that played in Old Forge, Holland and Audi. Without your state Representative showing support for the taxpayer and students, your nine directors are all you have.

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