Candidate for Secretary

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**The Future of Social Studies in Pennsylvania**

The future of social studies lies in our need to make today’s lessons applicable to

our future citizens. We will continue to face an age of accountability; in our

relation of culture, citizenship, civics, and the lessons of the past to the needs of

tomorrow. In educating our youth, we need to continue to reach out to other

disciplines. I see social studies proponents continuing to demonstrate that our

programs and lessons are valuable to each child’s development. Students need an

understanding of our systems of justice and creation as a country. They must also

gain recognition of cultures and the world around us. It is of the utmost importance

that we continue to teach our children the responsibilities that they have as citizens

and to help them explore the world successfully with open, and well taught

minds. Teachers of social studies should continue to utilize a variety of techniques

to produce upstanding citizens who can contribute to society as a result of their

civic beliefs and evaluative abilities that have been gained through their education.

As educators, we should continue to demand excellence both in social studies

education and of our students.