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School Play Production about Education Funding Going on Tour ***Schools, Theaters across the State Hosting Free One-Night Showings***

HARRISBURG (October 1, 2015) – The documentary-based live theatre production *School Play*, which explores public perception about Pennsylvania's school funding crisis using the voices of Pennsylvanians, is going on tour in schools and theaters across the state, including: Erie, St. Marys, Johnstown, State College, Schuylkill Haven, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Reading, Allentown, Elkins Park, Blue Bell and Bryn Mawr.

The timing of *School Play* could not be more relevant as the three-month-old budget standoff continues in Harrisburg, with new funding for education at the top of the agenda. The production, from playwrights Arden Kass and Seth Bauer and commissioned by Public Citizens for Children and Youth (PCCY), uses the real voices of more than 100 Pennsylvanians to dramatize funding inequities among school districts across the state.

"School Play belongs to everyone. You do not need sets, costumes or lighting to tell the critical story of the state of our schools and a child's desire to have basic resources to help them succeed," said Donna Cooper, executive director of PCCY. "We want people in communities across the state to pick up a script and hold their own *School Plays* so that more Pennsylvanians are aware of how funding cuts hurt our children."

School Play received overwhelmingly positive reviews at sold-out performances last April at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia.

Tickets are free and will be available at the door for each performance.

A complete list of showings is below. Materials, including a full script of the production, are available on PCCY's website: www.pccy.org/initiatives/school-play/.

School Play Tour Dates

Montgomery County

- Friday, Oct. 2, 8 p.m., The White Pines Place, 7908 High School Road, Elkins Park
- Saturday, Oct. 3, 7 p.m., The Black Box Theatre at Montgomery County, 340 Dekalb Pike, Blue Bell

Berks County: Monday, Oct. 5., 7 p.m., Reading High School, 801 N. 13th St.

Dauphin County: Tuesday, Oct. 6, 5:30 p.m., Majority Caucus Room, Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg

Lancaster County: Wednesday, Oct. 7, 7 p.m., McCaskey East High School, 1051 Lehigh Ave., Lancaster

Centre County: Thursday, Oct. 8., 7 p.m., State College Area High School, 653 Westerly Parkway

Cambria County: Saturday, Oct. 10., 7 p.m., Greater Johnstown High School, Cochran Auditorium, 222 Central Ave.

Delaware County: Sunday, Oct. 11, 7 p.m., Wolf Performing Arts Center, 1240 Montrose Ave., Bryn Mawr

Lehigh County: Monday, Oct. 12, 7 p.m., Civic Theatre 514, 527 N. 19th St., Allentown

Elk County: Tuesday, Oct. 13, 7 p.m., St. Marys Area High School, 977 South St. Marys Road

Schuylkill County: Thursday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m., Schuylkill Haven High School

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