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"Teachers and parents are on the front lines of the battle to mold young people into healthy and happy adults. I am grateful to the New Jersey PTA for their continued efforts to ensure that all of our state's young people have the opportunity to succeed in life," said Rothman.

Rothman is also pleased that the national PTA, followed by the NJ PTA, supports "Phylicia's Law," legislation he introduced ([link to release](#)) to require public schools to have safety plans and security procedures in place for school-run, off-premises field trips. The legislation is named in honor of Phylicia Moore, an 18-year-old student from Teaneck who died this past April while on a school-sponsored service trip to Ghana. Phylicia's parents, Douglas and Lola Moore, have established the Web site www.PhyliciasLaw.com to help raise awareness about what happened to their daughter and the legislation introduced in her name.

You can read the national PTA's endorsement of Phylicia's Law online [here](#).

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Pictured (L-R): Susan Clothier (Cherry Hill), NJ PTA President Diane Zierler (Delran), Rep. Rothman, NJ PTA President-Elect Judy Hyde (Kearny), and Emmy Hunter (Collingswood). Rothman is seen here holding up his NJ PTA membership card, which President-Elect Hyde and others presented to him during their meeting on Feb. 28.