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## News for Immediate Release

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### **Auditor General DeFoor Visits YMCA of Greater Erie to Promote ‘Be Money Smart’ Initiative; Highlight programs YMCA offers to Students**

**ERIE** – Auditor General Timothy L. DeFoor today visited the YMCA of Greater Erie to talk to young students about the importance of knowing how to be smart with their money and promote programs the YMCA offers to help students improve their financial literacy.

“Knowing how to be smart with your money is one of the most important lessons a young person can learn to achieve future financial success,” DeFoor said. “It is never too early to start thinking about how money works. It’s essential that we work together to give Pennsylvanians the tools to help them on their journey to financial independence.”

Auditor General DeFoor’s ‘Be Money Smart’ financial literacy initiative was launched in November 2021 to emphasize the need for financial literacy in Pennsylvania and highlight resources available for all residents across the commonwealth.

As Pennsylvania’s top taxpayer advocate, DeFoor has made improving financial literacy a key goal of his administration. Over the last year, he has visited the University of Pittsburgh, Penn State University, Temple University and PA State System of Higher Education campuses including Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, Cheyney, Shippensburg, Slippery Rock, Indiana and California. He also met with students participating in the State YMCA of Pennsylvania Youth and Government program and visited a financial literacy class sponsored by New Hope Ministries in Mechanicsburg.

DeFoor also partnered with Harrisburg University of Science and Technology on a statewide student financial literacy competition and announced the winners during financial literacy month, which occurs each year in April.

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