



State Rep. Mike Reese of Mount Pleasant brings a solid financial management and education background to Harrisburg, representing the residents of the 59th Legislative District.

Reese was born in Mount Pleasant Township and is a graduate of Mount Pleasant Area Junior-Senior High School. He went on to Duquesne University, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in secondary education with a concentration in history. He enrolled at Seton Hill University in 2002 and earned a master's degree in business administration with a focus on management in 2004.

Business and education have always been a focus of Reese's life. He worked in the admissions office of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, and helped young people in the Pressley Ridge School system at Ohiopyle. He was an educator at Westmoreland County Community College, serving on the faculty of the business division. Immediately prior to his election, he served as the Westmoreland County Assistant Director of Financial Administration.

Reese began his tenure in government when he served as chief of staff for the late Republican Commissioner Terry Marolt and, following his passing, for Phil Light, who was appointed to that post.

The priorities for work to be done in Harrisburg remain as clear as they were when Reese began his service in 2009. Reese has introduced and supported legislation that minimizes state government and controls spending while creating a stronger business climate. He has voted to reduce the size of the legislature and privatize Pennsylvania's retail and wholesale liquor system, and he has worked to improve the funding mechanism of charter and cyber charter public schools.

Reese serves on the House Education, Transportation, Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Liquor Control committees, and additionally serves on the Committee on Committees.

Reese and his wife, Angela, have three children: daughters Addison and Claire, and son, Michael Eric.

The 59th Legislative District encompasses part of Somerset County consisting of the townships of Conemaugh and Jenner and the boroughs of Boswell and Jennerstown.

In Westmoreland County, the district includes the townships of Cook, Donegal, Fairfield, Hempfield (part of districts Todd, University and West Point), Ligonier, Mount Pleasant, St. Clair and Unity (part of districts Baggaley, Beatty, Crabtree, Dennison, Kuhns, Marguerite, Mutual and Pleasant Unity) and the boroughs of Bolivar, Donegal, Laurel Mountain, Ligonier, New Florence and Seward.