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CrossState Partners with PA Auditor General DeFoor and First Capital FCU to Spotlight Financial Literacy in Local Schools

York, PA – In celebration of Financial Literacy Month, CrossState Credit Union Association joined Auditor General Timothy L. DeFoor and First Capital Federal Credit Union today at Wallace Elementary School in the West York Area School District to deliver a hands-on Moon Jar lesson focused on early money management skills.

The classroom activity, led by First Capital’s Kayla Weaver, used the children’s book *How the Moon Jar Was Made* to teach the value of spending, saving, and sharing—giving first graders a tangible, age-appropriate introduction to core financial concepts.

“Financial habits form early,” said Christina Mihalik, Senior Vice President of Government Relations at CrossState. “This Moon Jar activity gives students a fun, engaging way to begin learning how to make thoughtful financial choices. Credit unions like First Capital FCU are deeply committed to bringing these important lessons into local schools.”

Today’s event builds on First Capital FCU’s long-standing leadership in youth financial education, which recently earned them a 2025 Leaders in Financial Literacy Award from the CrossState Credit Union Foundation. Their standout Student Ambassador Program equips high school students with paid, real-world experience in student-run branches across York County—fostering financial confidence, leadership, and career readiness.

“First Capital’s commitment to financial education is truly commendable—from their school-based programs to their statewide recognition as a Leaders in Financial Literacy Award recipient,” said Patrick Conway, President & CEO of CrossState. “We’re equally proud to partner with Auditor General DeFoor, whose Be Money \$mart initiative aligns so well with the credit union mission. These efforts reflect the power of collaboration to advance financial education and make a lasting impact across Pennsylvania.”

The visit also highlighted Deep Sea Savers, First Capital’s youth savings initiative, and served as a model for how credit unions make financial literacy both accessible and engaging from an early age. Following the classroom session, Auditor General DeFoor joined CrossState and First Capital representatives for an impromptu discussion on the value of working together to strengthen financial awareness statewide.

CrossState extends its sincere appreciation to Wallace Elementary, First Capital FCU, and all who helped bring today’s financial literacy experience to life.

About CrossState Credit Union Association:

CrossState Credit Union Association is a regional trade association serving credit unions across New Jersey and Pennsylvania. With offices in Harrisburg, PA, and Hamilton, NJ, CrossState provides advocacy, education, and operational support to more than 400 credit unions, representing over \$93 billion in assets and 5.9 million members. As one of the largest regional credit union associations in the country, CrossState is dedicated to fostering a strong, vibrant climate for credit unions to thrive.

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