



53RD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

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WORKING FOR THE PEOPLE



# **INVESTING** in our **FUTURE**

**Working to resolve state issues for residents**

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# INVESTING IN EDUCATION

This year's budget is historic, to say the least. I proudly voted for the most significant increases in education funding ever seen in Pennsylvania. Basic Education funding gets a \$750 million increase, of which \$525 million will be distributed through the Fair Funding Formula. This is a major step forward in ensuring the next generation gets the education they need and deserve.

Other investments in our schools include:

- \$100 million increase in Special Education funding
- \$60 million in Pre-K
- \$19 million in Head Start programs
- \$225 million in Level Up funding

The 2022/23 Budget  
Increases Basic Education Funding  
for Schools in our Community

**Souderton SD**  
\$950,000 (6.5% ↑)

**North Penn SD**  
\$2.8 Million (13% ↑)



# PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE

The burdens of inflation and corporate greed have affected many Pennsylvanians this year. I have been working with colleagues and the governor to expand the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program to put money back in the pockets of taxpayers on fixed incomes.

Our efforts paid off - recipients will get an extra payment equal to 70% of their regular payment, which will be

paid out of ARPA funds. Those already receiving rebates do not need to file an additional application. The Department of Revenue will add the supplemental amount and distribute it with the regular payment.

The deadline for the 2021 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is December 31, 2022. Pennsylvanians living with a disability, widows and widowers 50 or older, and residents 65 or older

can qualify. The program has income limits for homeowners under \$35,000 annually or renters earning under \$15,000 annually (excluding half of Social Security income).

If you live in the North Penn School District and get the rebate, you're also eligible to apply for an extra rebate direct from the school district. Contact my office for more details.

# FUNDING IN OUR DISTRICT

I am always working to bring investments back to our communities through state funding programs. Projects funded recently include:

- \$2.5 million to the North Penn YMCA for a full-size gymnasium that will host programs for seniors, young adults, and at-risk youth.
- \$2 million to Souderton Mennonite Homes for a major 38,500-square-foot construction project, including fully private rooms, new elevators, emergency generator, HVAC, and more.
- \$194,218 to the Susie Clemens House at Advanced Living's Derstine Run community in Hatfield, to support affordable housing for seniors.
- \$200,000 to Habitat for Humanity Montgomery and Delaware County to complete four homes on Cowpath Road in Hatfield.
- \$100,000 to Indian Creek Foundation to support neighbors with special needs who live in Montgomery County.
- \$354,240 to Hatfield Township to upgrade the traffic signal at Route 309 and Unionville Pike.

## On The Trail



The Liberty Bell Trail, one of the most significant multi-use trails in the region, was awarded \$1.8 million in federal grant dollars.

- The borough of Lansdale received \$973,000 in funding, including \$600,000 to create a 10-foot wide shared-use trail and stream crossing that starts near the Ninth Street and Moyers Road intersection and runs north to Tremont Drive.
- Hatfield Township has been approved for \$910,000 in funding for a 10-foot wide shared-use path for about 1,500 feet along the PPL right-of-way extending from Orvilla Road. A sidewalk will be added to link connections with existing sidewalks at Schwab Road and Tarrington Way, and a rail line crossing will be added along Orvilla Road.

# AROUND THE DISTRICT



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**1.** I voted to pass H.B. 1560, which designates roads and bridges across Pennsylvania in honor of people who devoted their lives to public service. I proposed language in this bill to honor former state Rep. Robert W. Godshall.

A portion of Pennsylvania State Route 113 from the intersection with Schoolhouse Road in Franconia Township up to County Line Road in Souderton Borough will be designated as the Honorable Robert W. Godshall Memorial Highway.

**2.** Congratulations to the workers with Teamsters Local 830 for acquiring a new contract that includes a fair wage, fair hours, pension, and an additional paid holiday. As a former wholesale beverage seller in this area who worked alongside these hardworking Pennsylvanians, this fight was personal to me. All work is dignified, and everyone deserves livable wages and reasonable schedules.

**3.** Presenting Souderton's Liam Vandenberg with a House Citation to celebrate his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. If you are celebrating a milestone achievement, reach out to my office for a congratulatory citation.

**4.** Meeting local pharmacists when they came to the state Capitol to rally to highlight the work they did during the pandemic and beyond.

**5.** Congratulations to Souderton for All for their grant from the PA Tourism Office!

**6.** Meeting with veterans and community members at the Hatfield Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony.

**7.** Presenting House Citations to Lansdale Catholic's cheerleaders for their back-to-back state championship wins!

**8.** Earlier this year my office collected items for Ukraine and the community really stepped up.

**9.** Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Korean American Association of Greater Philadelphia. Reminder: My Lansdale office has Korean language office hours every Wednesday morning.

**10.** It was an honor to meet Vice President Kamala Harris on her visit to Pennsylvania and represent our communities as she discussed the issues facing our Commonwealth.

**11.** West Broad Street Elementary invited me to speak about working as a state representative before their trip to Harrisburg!

**12.** I also got to catch up with York Avenue Elementary.

**13.** I also proposed language to honor a local historical hero. In Lansdale Borough and Hatfield Township, part of North Broad Street will be designated for Dr. Boston, who founded what we know as Jefferson Lansdale Hospital and VMSC Emergency Medical Services. PennDOT will make the signs with his name and later this year, we will unveil the road designation in his honor.

# UPCOMING EVENTS AND RESOURCES



## 2022 GENERAL ELECTION IMPORTANT DATES

**OCT  
24**

Last day to register to vote  
in the election.  
[vote.pa.gov/Register](http://vote.pa.gov/Register)

**NOV  
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Last day to apply for a  
mail-in or absentee ballot.  
[vote.pa.gov/ApplyMailBallot](http://vote.pa.gov/ApplyMailBallot)

**NOV  
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Voted mail-in and absentee ballots  
must be received by 8 PM.  
[vote.pa.gov/County](http://vote.pa.gov/County)

**NOV  
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Election Day.  
Polls are open from 7 AM to 8 PM.  
[vote.pa.gov/Polls](http://vote.pa.gov/Polls)

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Make sure you have a plan in place to make your voice heard for the upcoming General Election. Mark your calendar with these important dates!



**FRIDAY, SEPT. 16 • 9 A.M. – 11 A.M.**

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1000 W. MAIN ST. | LANSDALE, PA 19446**

Don't forget to mark your calendars! My popular senior fair is back again for 2022! We have had hundreds of attendees in previous years, and we're looking forward to seeing new and familiar faces this year. Join us for an energizing morning with freebies, information, state resources, and more.

## 988 is the new 911 for suicide prevention

A new three-digit dialing code will bring quicker help for those in crisis. **Dialing 988** will connect callers to trained counselors who are part of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline network. **Veterans can reach the Veterans Crisis Line by dialing 988 and then pressing "1."**

All counseling is free, confidential, and available on a 24/7 basis. Lifeline services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at no cost to the caller.

To chat or read more about the 988 Suicide AND Crisis Lifeline, visit [988lifeline.org/chat](http://988lifeline.org/chat).



## 309 CONNECTOR ROAD GROUNDBREAKING

When I was elected in 2018, it became my mission to make the 309 Connector project become a reality. I brought together many elected officials to take part in regular stakeholder meetings to get this project moving.

This April, shovels finally broke ground! The big moment will be when the final stretch of road is paved and people in our community can take advantage of this significant investment in our backyard and in our future.





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## Contact my office if you need help with any of the following!

- ✓ Car registrations, special tags, disability placards, titles, and driver's license applications.
- ✓ Also, you can ask us what forms you will need to bring to the DMV for various services.
- ✓ Information on financial assistance for higher education.
- ✓ Obtaining and completing all kinds of state forms.
- ✓ Troubleshooting issues or delays with Department of Human Services (food stamps, medical and income assistance).
- ✓ Unemployment compensation, disability and workers' compensation.
- ✓ PA state income tax questions or problems.
- ✓ Renewal of state-issued licenses or certifications.
- ✓ SEPTA Key Senior ID Card issues.
- ✓ Property Tax/Rent Rebate forms for seniors, widows, widowers, and people with disabilities.
- ✓ PACE cards for seniors and prescription assistance.

*Welcome to the*  
**53rd Legislative District**

