

STATE REPRESENTATIVE ELIZABETH FIEDLER FALL 2026 NEWSLETTER



A Note From Elizabeth

Dear Neighbor,

It continues to be my greatest privilege to serve as your State Representative. As we head into the fall, I have a lot to share from Harrisburg and our district. We have some huge wins to celebrate, from saving the SEYAA ballfields to bringing home millions in education funding in the state budget.

We also continue to face challenges, from the increasing impacts of Big Tech to the affordability crisis created by war, tariffs, and unchecked corporate greed. But through it all I am here because I want government to

work for you. I believe we can make real change happen in our community.

In this newsletter, you'll find news about how I'm working to do just that, from South Philly to Harrisburg. And as always, my office is here to support you and your family with state services or connect you to the right resources.

Please give us a call at (215) 271-9190 or stop by our office at 9th and Ritner any time to talk, ask questions, and get support. You never know what might be available until you ask!

As always, it's my honor to serve as your State Representative. Please be in touch!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Fiedler".



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IN HARRISBURG

THE 2026-2027 STATE BUDGET

The budget we passed in July made important strides for our neighbors, our students, and our planet. Below are a few highlights:

School Facilities:

I'm thrilled that with the inclusion of my School Facilities Inventory legislation in the state budget, the Department of Education can more efficiently allocate funds to the districts that need it most.

Violence Intervention:

Philadelphia's murder rate has dropped to its lowest level in nearly 60 years, due in part to state investments in proven violence intervention programs. This year's budget sustains and expands these successful initiatives.

Education And Afterschool Programs:

We won \$8.3 billion in basic education funding and \$565 million in adequacy funding, which will specifically benefit high-need school districts like Philadelphia's, as well as \$11.5 million for afterschool program funding.

Solar For Schools:

In a huge win for clean energy and education, we renewed Solar for Schools for its third year, with \$25 million in new funds. The grant program was also expanded so even more school communities can benefit from financial savings on energy bills, good jobs, and renewable energy. Solar for Schools is a huge bipartisan success story statewide and I am incredibly proud that we wrote the legislation and built the coalition to get it over the line!



What's Next

While these wins are important, our work continues. We must find long-term funding so SEPTA can operate with stability for many years to come. And we must work to increase funding for school building remediation and modernization, as well as the buildings that house recreation centers and libraries. State investment in these spaces, in partnership with the city, can make a meaningful difference in our lives.

These goals are achievable. The money we need to create transformative change already exists, but it is held by a handful of extremely wealthy individuals and mega-corporations who need to pay what they owe, and pay their workers a fair salary. As we move through the 2026-27 fiscal year, I will be working hard to make these progressive, long-term revenue streams a reality.



DISPATCH FROM THE ENERGY COMMITTEE

As Chair of the House Energy Committee, my priority is always protecting working people and families. That means getting your electric bill under control, making the grid more reliable so people don't lose power, and protecting natural resources like clean air and water.

Over the last year, our Committee wrote 17 bills that passed the state House. While many of these bills await action in the Senate, I'm proud that three important bills I worked on were included in this year's budget and became law:

Making our Grid More Reliable:

My Advanced Transmission Technologies legislation will help move electricity more efficiently, reducing wasted energy as it travels from where it's produced to where it's used.

Stronger Oversight on Data Centers:

Data centers will now be required to disclose their energy and water use and mitigation technologies. This will help the Department of Environmental Protection put forward energy and water conservation measures.

Paving the Way for New Energy Technology:

A new law will remove an unnecessary barrier to deploying small modular nuclear reactors. These next-generation technologies are clean, safe, and zero-carbon.

This fall, the Committee will advance new measures to make energy more affordable and cleaner, while continuing negotiations with the Senate on regulating data centers, expanding energy supply, and limiting rising energy costs.



THANKS TO YOUR ACTIVISM, WE SAVED THE SEYAA FIELDS!

This spring, we heard the incredible news that PennDOT's proposed highway expansions in South Philly will not interfere with the athletic fields operated by Southeast Youth Athletic Association. But this news was not just luck – this was the result of hard work and community advocacy. I am proud to have stood with so many families and young athletes to save this space.

S.P.R.I.N.G: PUBLIC SPACE HELPS US THRIVE!



Earlier this year, I announced my effort to expand and improve public space in our district – the South Philly Revitalization Initiative for New Greenspace, or SPRING!

Why is public space important? Children, seniors, and people of all ages deserve free, shared spaces for relaxation, exercise, and socialization right in their own neighborhoods. It's good for all of us—it keeps us healthy, forges community connections, and reduces violence.



Since I came into office, we have worked diligently to bring back state funds for these purposes, securing more than \$3.6 million for projects benefiting schools, parks, libraries, community centers and recreational facilities.

If you are part of an organization interested in learning more about applying for state grants, please reach out to my office. To view an interactive map of all past and upcoming SPRING projects, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/spring184map.

FOCUSING ON CHILDHOOD HEALTH AT CHOP SOUTH PHILLY

In April, I was happy to speak at an event alongside my colleague Rep. Jordan Harris, medical experts, and community leaders at CHOP South Philly about keeping our children healthy in their earliest years. As a parent of four, I am so glad to have world class healthcare professionals right here in our neighborhood at Broad and Morris who I can trust to help me make the best decisions possible for my family.

The resounding message was clear: childhood vaccines are safe, effective, and they keep our children - and our communities - healthy. CHOP's Vaccine Education Center is a helpful resource to talk to experts and get your questions answered.

Visit www.chop.edu/vaccine-education-center to learn more.



CELEBRATING GRANTS FOR EDUCATION, NON-PROFITS, AND MORE



Sharswood School

In May, we gathered a joyful crew on the field at Murphy Rec to present the staff and students of Sharswood School with their check for \$225,000! These funds will go towards transforming the school's concrete courtyard into a warm and welcoming green space and playground.



create the museum, and we are so excited to see what's possible with state funds!

The African American Museum at South Philly High

At South Philly High, teacher Mr. William Sax has created a space that is so much more than a classroom: it's the first and only African American Museum in the School District. House Appropriations Chairman Jordan Harris and I visited Mr. Sax to present him with a check for \$100,000 that will go towards continuing and strengthening this legacy. Mr. Sax poured thousands of his own dollars to

Karen Community Garden and EPCC

In July, we cut the ribbon on East Passyunk Community Center's fully redesigned playground. The renovation was funded by a joint \$75,000 state grant that I supported with Senator Nikil Saval. I'm thrilled that EPCC continues to grow and transform.

In another win for green spaces in our district, I was happy to support KCAP with \$32,000 for the development of a community garden.



Sheet Metal Workers Local 19

A big congratulations to Sheet Metal Workers Local 19 on their \$2 MILLION dollar grant from the PA Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP)! These funds will be used for modernization and updates at Local 19's union hall and training facility in South Philly.



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Open to learn how we are investing in our community!

Need Energy Assistance?

LIHEAP can help you keep your home warm and safe during the coldest seasons.

2025-2026 Income Guidelines

Household Size	Maximum Annual Income
1	\$23,475
2	\$31,725
3	\$39,975
4	\$48,225
5	\$56,475
6	\$64,725
7	\$72,975
8	\$81,225

Each additional person \$8,250

IMPORTANT DATES

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EARLY NOVEMBER
2026-2027 LIHEAP Opens
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NOVEMBER 3RD
Midterm Election Day
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DECEMBER 31ST
Deadline for 2025 Property Tax/Rent Rebate

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I’m here to help!

MY TEAM AND I CAN HELP YOU WITH:

- Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications
- Birth and death certificates
- CHIP and SNAP
- Disability plates and placards
- Driver’s license questions
- Legislative inquiries
- SEPTA senior fare cards
- Unemployment compensation
- Utilities assistance
- And much more!