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Hello Neighbors, Community Members, and Friends,

In July, the General Assembly passed a fair, responsible, and forward-looking state budget that I was proud to support. With one of the most closely divided legislatures in the country, reaching consensus is never easy. While this budget arrived a bit later than expected, I'm pleased we delivered a budget that strengthens our schools, supports our economy, invests in our communities, and does so without raising taxes.

This budget represents meaningful progress, but our work is far from finished. There is still much more to do to expand opportunity, improve affordability, strengthen healthcare access, and ensure every Pennsylvanian has the resources they need to thrive. I remain committed to working across the aisle to build on this progress and continue delivering results for our communities.

It has been wonderful to join so many of you at community events, local celebrations and neighborhood gatherings throughout Delco. These opportunities to connect with our community members and celebrate what makes our district so special are among the most rewarding parts of serving as your state representative. I remain grateful for the privilege of representing you in Harrisburg and here in the district.

In this newsletter, you'll find a closer look at this year's state budget, updates on what my team and I have been working on, highlights from around the district, and information about upcoming events and resources available to you.

In service,

Gina H. Curry
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Budget wins for Delco healthcare

The 2026-2027 Budget

**Delivers for
the health and
wellness of
Delaware County!**

Healthcare investments include:

- ✓ **\$4.6 Million**
for Fair Acres
- ✓ **\$14.7 Million**
for Riddle Hospital
- ✓ **\$7.3 Million**
for Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital



Our region is still suffering from the irresponsible closure of Crozer, and many of us have felt the pain and fear of not having adequate medical care close by. I am committed to sustaining access to healthcare in Delaware County. This budget makes intentional, strategic investments to help the county recover from its current healthcare desert, address longstanding healthcare disparities, and strengthen access to high-quality care for all residents. This additional funding to Fair Acres, Riddle Hospital, and Mercy Fitzgerald will do just that.

The Delaware County delegation has worked tirelessly to secure funding for the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, helping ensure it can continue providing critical healthcare services to Delaware County residents. This provision sets aside \$430,000 for the hospital because it is the only facility that meets the specific requirements by state law. By leveraging federal matching funds, that investment is expected to grow to approximately \$1 million.

Finally meeting the needs of retired public servants

It's been an almost 20-year fight, but this year we finally included a cost-of-living increase for our longtime retired teachers, police officers, and firefighters. Imagine retiring and watching the cost of daily life rise and rise, while your retirement allotment never changes. Some of our oldest residents have been living the reality for decades. This year, they'll finally get the cost-of-living increase they deserve and can rest easier knowing life is more affordable.

Budget Wins: Retirement security for our teachers, police officers, and firefighters



- ✓ Provides a historic investment in our public servants after a 20-year fight for better support
- ✓ Finally provides a long-overdue cost of living increase to match the skyrocketing costs of daily living
- ✓ Honors our retired municipal police officers and firefighters who dedicated their lives to keeping us safe
- ✓ Helps ensure long-term fiscal stability by strengthening oversight of state pension systems

Supporting our students and kids

This year's state budget provides \$605 million more for public schools, childcare recruitment and retention, and expanding the student-teacher stipend program and PHEAA programs. Locally, this is \$9 million in funds for the Upper Darby School District, and \$5.6 million for William Penn.

2026-2027 PA Budget Wins

School Funding Increases

Upper Darby School District
\$9 Million (9.4% ↑)

William Penn School District
\$5.6 Million (9.7% ↑)



Protecting birthing moms and infants

The PA Black Maternal Health Caucus, which I co-chair, also saw big wins this year: a total of \$38.5 million for programs and services that support the health and well-being of ALL moms and babies, with \$5.2 million that will focus on Black maternal health. We want every mother and child to have access to the best possible care and resources – and this will help address the significant disparity facing Black moms and their babies, statewide.

2026-2027

PA Black Maternal Health Caucus Budget Wins:

Black Maternal Health	Nurse-Family Partnership
\$5,239,000	\$13,889,000
Newborn Screening	
\$7,329,000	
Maternal & Child Health	
\$1,447,000	
Medical Assistance - Obstetrics/Neonatal Services	
\$10,682,000	
Total: \$38,586,000	



Grants & Awards in Our District

\$34 million
Pennvest loan for the Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority to upgrade their water disinfection system

\$375,000 for the preservation of Barclay Square Apartments

\$200,000 for the Foundation for Delaware County's Family Eviction Prevention Program

\$3.6 million
Pennvest loan for lead service line replacement by Aqua Pennsylvania

\$382,500 for small sewer projects at Baltimore & Lansdowne Ave.

\$200,000 for the YMCA of Eastern Delaware County's new early learning center

\$275,000 to reline Darby Creek Interceptor MH99-98

\$250,000 for the Delaware County Shallow Rent Assistance Program

\$125,000 for the Affordable Housing Centers of Pennsylvania's Will Power Program

Curry in the Community



We held our annual spring blood drive to help save lives.



We presented the YMCA with \$300,000 for its new early learning center.



We celebrated diversity in Delco at the county's annual Pride celebration.

Legislative Update

I saw great progress on my legislation this session! Here are a few highlights:

- **HB 1752** became law as part of the budget. This bill will direct the Department of Education to look at whether the SAT and ACT could replace Keystone Exam scores – saving time and money for districts and students.
- My midwifery bills, **HB 1251** and **HB 1851**, both moved forward in the legislative process. **HB 1251** passed the House and would allow nurse-midwives to refer patients for pelvic floor therapy. **HB 1851** became law – and now allows certified midwives to sign fetal death certificates, easing a significant burden on grieving families.
- **HB 433** and companion bill **SB 88** were signed into law as **Act 52** of 2025. Now, all insurance policies in PA must cover medically necessary diagnostic breast exams.



Our ambitious young people joined me at my Youth Career Fair in May.



Lieutenant Governor Austin Davis joined us for a tour of Astra Foods.



I continued working hard for the William Penn School District and all our students.



My colleagues and I had the chance to participate in The Roots Literacy Panel.



We honored veterans, past and present, who dedicated their lives to our community.

We marked the opening of the new Naylors Run Trail.





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LOOK INSIDE FOR BUDGET WINS

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Sickle Cell Blood Drive

with State Sen. Kearney

Thursday, Sept. 3

from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Watkins Senior Center, Upper Darby

Senior Expo

with State Sen. Kearney

Thursday, Sept. 10

from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The Drexelbrook, Drexel Hill

Inspi-HER'd Field Day for Girls

Saturday, Sept. 26

from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Naylors Run Park

Community Baby Shower

with State Sen. Kearney

Saturday, Nov. 7

Time and location to come.

Expungement Clinic

with State Sen. Kearney

Thursday, Nov. 12

from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

One Center, Upper Darby

Scam Clinic

with State Sen. Kearney

Monday, Nov. 16

from 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Watkins Senior Center, Upper Darby

Annual Sleigh the Rebate Winter Open House and PTRR Clinic

Thursday, Dec. 17

from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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