# **2022 SUMMER REVIEW**

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## **DEAR NEIGHBOR:**

In the approval of the new budget, I worked to ensure an agreement that includes a substantial investment for the Reading and Governor Mifflin school districts.

We're talking about a 17% increase in funding for Reading and an additional 11.1% for Governor Mifflin, which equates to over \$30 million for both districts.

This budget not only boosts education, but it also creates a child care tax credit to support working families.

The budget also benefits seniors and people with disabilities with an additional increase in property tax refunds and rent relief. I am making sure that the voices of my constituents are heard.

Manuel "Manny" Guzman



# A PIONEER FROM READING VISITED US IN HARRISBURG!

It was a huge honor to host Karolyn Batista and her father, Jose Batista, in Harrisburg. Karolyn is the first Dominican-American woman to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy. And she's from Reading!!

I look forward to following her journey and celebrating her every step of the way.



## AMAZED BY THE Science Research Institute Students At Albright College!

One of the great highlights in my work agenda was my visit to the Science Research Institute Summer Camp at Albright College. I met the director of the institute, Adelle Shade, explored the labs and engaged in the most fruitful conversations with students and teachers.

The institute offers an amazing program that not only prepares them to embark into a career, but it also empowers our kids.



I wanted to thank the acting secretary of the Department of Community and Economic Development, Neil Weaver, for visiting Reading.

Acting Secretary Weaver is an enthusiastic advocate for thriving communities and businesses throughout the commonwealth. It was a privilege having him visit to see the progress made towards the building and rehabilitation of the Supernatural Produce Supermarket in downtown Reading from businessman Leopoldo Sanchez. Upon completion of this project, it will have positive economic effects in the city for years to come!

### A SAFE HAVEN FOR SURVIVORS OF Domestic violence and sexual Assault

I visited Safe Berks, where I had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Beth Garrigan, Chief Executive Officer, and part of the office staff. Safe Berks is a nonprofit organization that has been doing remarkable work in our community. This resourceful center offers services and continuous support to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. For more information visit: www.safeberks.org.

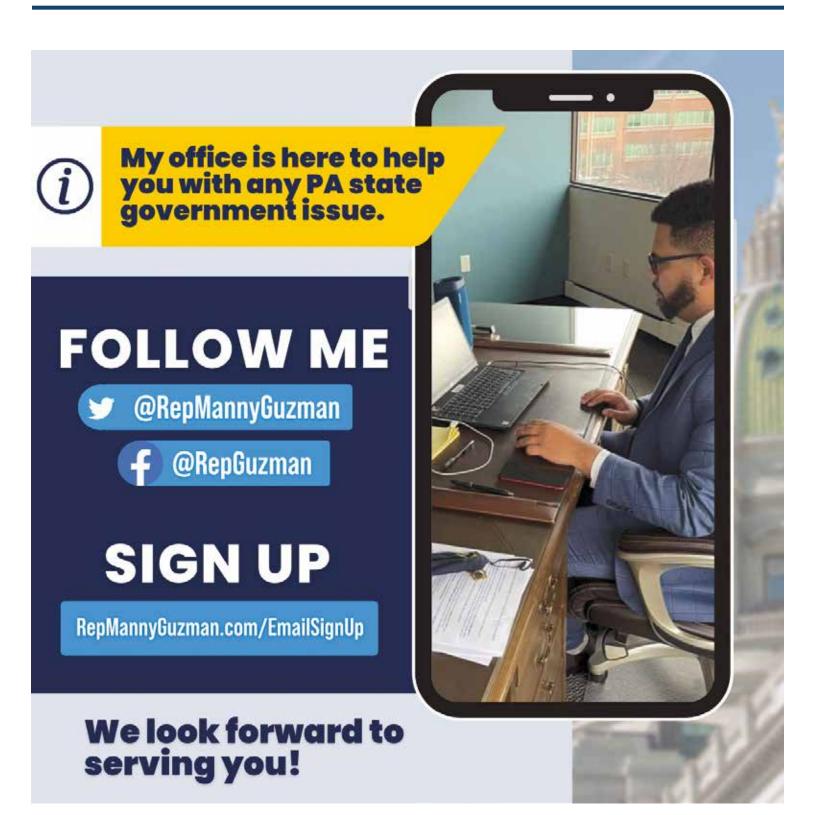


## AN INITIATIVE TO ALLEVIATE The financial burden of Higher Education

Last June, I proudly stood alongside educational advocates as we discussed an initiative from Gov. Tom Wolf to alleviate the financial burden of pursuing higher education. The Nellie Bly Scholarship would provide financial assistance for those seeking to attain a postsecondary education.

This proposal would be a crucial investment in Pennsylvania students and would help ensure the vitality of Pennsylvania's workforce.







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## **MAKING READING A SAFER** COMMUNITY

It was a privilege to host a group of bright students from The Village at the Capitol. The Village is a nonprofit organization founded in Reading. The mission of this institution is to prevent youth violence and create a safe place for minors, ages 13 to 18. The Village offers free educational programs and the opportunity to work with community partners to provide resources and services to prevent gun violence.

## A DAY TO REMEMBER

It is a pleasure to spend time with the residents of my district. This photo is a special memory at the Hubert Apartment. Very soon I will be in your neighborhood spending time with you and bringing solutions to issues affecting our community.



## THE UNSTOPPABLE FOUNDER OF **IM ABLE FOUNDATION**



I had the opportunity to meet with the CEO and founder of IM ABLE Foundation. Chris Kaag. I hope this is just the beginning of countless positive collaborations I have with individuals with disabilities. Chris, you can count on me and my office. I invite anyone who

has an idea and wants to put it into action to contact my office. We will be happy to work with you and help you turn that idea into a reality.

# State Representative Manny Guzman

#### My team and I can help with:

- Property Tax/Rent Rebate
- Information about jobs, housing relief and utility assistance
- Prescription assistance for seniors
- Drivers Licenses & Vehicle Registration

#### We're open Monday - Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

I'm ready to make state government work harder for you! RepCuzman@PAHouse.net

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