

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



## State Update

### STATE BUDGET

*PA counties, school districts prepare for service cuts if a state budget isn't delivered soon*

Across Pennsylvania, counties and providers of essential human services are bracing for what many fear will be a protracted state budget standoff in Harrisburg that's already nearly seven weeks past the deadline....

Matt Vannoy, the vice president of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association and a school board director for Sharon City School District, said in a public meeting last week that, while many school districts have enough funds to last for several months, some will have to take action as soon as next month.

[Click here](#) for full article.

Source: *PA Capital-Star/Tioga Publishing*, August 18, 2025.

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### *Divided Harrisburg: House Dems reject Senate GOP transit, budget bills*

Neither the House nor the Senate is slated to return for session days before September, though votes can always be added to the calendar. House Democrats have scheduled Rules and Appropriations committee meetings through August 19, including Saturday and Sunday.

[Click here](#) for full article.

Source: *WTF*, August 13, 2025.

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### *Budget disagreements burst into the open at Pa. Capitol*

*The Senate passed a Republican-backed budget. But Gov. Shapiro said it's*

*'not a serious, long-term proposal.'*

After a flurry of activity at the state Capitol Tuesday, it's unclear if lawmakers are any closer to ending the budget impasse that has lasted more than six weeks past the constitutionally mandated June 30 deadline.

[Click here](#) for full article.

Source: *PA Capital-Star*, August 13, 2025.

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## Basic Ed Bill Actions

- **SB160** - *An Act to provide appropriations from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; to provide appropriations from special funds and accounts to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; and to provide for the additional appropriation of Federal and State funds to the Executive and Legislative Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.*
- **Sponsor:** Sen. Scott Martin (R)
- **Action:** 08/13/2025 H - Failed in Committee - House Appropriations

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## EDUCATION RECAP

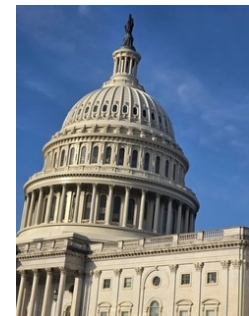
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*(A weekly report on legislative and executive actions on education-related legislation in Pennsylvania state government.)*

## Federal Update

### *Federal judge halts Education Department's anti-DEI measures*

A federal judge blocked two U.S. Department of Education actions attempting to restrict diversity, equity and inclusion in schools on Thursday.



[Click here](#) for full article.

Source: *K-12 DIVE*, Aug. 15, 2025.

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### *Fears Grow That Trump Will Cut Special Education Support Funding*

Despite the Trump administration's broad promises to preserve special education funding, advocates are spreading the word nationwide that up to hundreds of millions of dollars worth of in-progress federal grants for strengthening services for children with disabilities could be cut in the coming weeks.

[Click here](#) for full article. *(Subscription may be required.)*

Source: *Education Week*, Aug. 14, 2025.

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## *Federal Appeals Court ruling allows DOGE access to Education Department data*

A federal appeals court recently threw out a preliminary injunction that had blocked the Trump administration's Department of Government Efficiency, or DOGE, from accessing sensitive individual records at the U.S. Department of Education and two other federal agencies.

[Click here](#) for full article. (*Subscription may be required.*)  
Source: *Education Week*, Aug. 12, 2025.

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## *Exclusive poll: As support for schools plummets, Americans resist closing Education Department*

Americans' confidence in its public schools is at an all-time low, with just 13% grading them an A or a B, according to this year's PDK Poll. That's down from 19% in 2019 and 26% in 2004.

[Click here](#) for full article.  
Source: *The 74*, Aug. 14, 2025.

# Pennsylvania Principals Association

## *Position Statement on State and Federal Education Issues*

The **Pennsylvania Principals Association (PA Principals Association)** stands in solidarity with national organizations such as the **National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP)** and the **National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP)** in advocating for equitable, well-funded and inclusive education policies at both state and federal levels. In light of ongoing challenges and critiques directed at the education sector, we reaffirm our commitment to the following principles:

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