

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



## State Update

### STATE BUDGET

#### *State funding for Pa. school districts is 'totally chaotic,' policy advocates say*

Schools in Pennsylvania do well when they are properly funded. But lower-income districts don't get the money they need under the state's current formula, according to a panel of experts who gathered Sunday.

[Click here](#) for full article.

Source: *PennLive*, Oct. 6, 2025.

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#### *Scranton School District facing cash flow crisis amid state budget impasse*

In a recent "sober message" to staff, Superintendent Erin Keating, Ed.D., said the budget stalemate in Harrisburg is forcing the district to take "critical steps" to address the loss of state subsidy payments and mitigate the cash-flow challenges stemming from that loss.

[Click here](#) for full article.

Source: *The Times-Tribune*, Oct. 5, 2025.

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#### *'Unconscionable' Pa. budget impasse forces area counties, local services to scale down*

Despite Gov. Josh Shapiro's insistence this week that Pennsylvania state budget negotiations are "incredibly close" to ending an impasse entering its fourth month, county leaders and service agencies in Southwestern Pennsylvania say they're preparing to scale down operations without dedicated state funding.

[Click here](#) for full article.

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## *Taxpayers could end up footing the bill as counties weigh borrowing to survive Pa. budget impasse*

At least six Pennsylvania counties are exploring taking out lines of credit to cover expenses as the state budget impasse continues, debt that would likely be passed on to taxpayers.

[Click here](#) for full article.

Source: *Spotlight PA*, Oct. 1, 2025.

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## *Pennsylvania agencies warn of mounting damage as state enters its 4th month of a budget stalemate*

The ongoing impasse has stalled billions of dollars from going to schools and social services, and it has no certain end in sight.

[Click here](#) for full article.

Source: *WHYY / Associated Press*, Oct. 1, 2025.

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## *Basic Ed Bill Actions*

- **HB1701** - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in grounds and buildings, further providing for referendum or public hearing required prior to construction or lease; providing for school facilities; establishing the Public School Facility Advisory Committee; in construction and renovation of buildings by school entities, repealing provisions relating to building condition assessments; and imposing duties on the Department of Education.
  - **Sponsor: Rep. Elizabeth Fiedler (D)**
  - **Action: 10/07/2025 - Placed on HVS**
- **HB1883** - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in pupils and attendance, providing for chronic absence prevention and support.
  - **Sponsor: Rep. Manuel Guzman (D)**
  - **Action: 09/29/2025 - Referred to - House Education**
- **HB1885** - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for school swimming education program; in reimbursements by Commonwealth and between school districts, providing for payments on account of school swimming education program; and making an appropriation.
  - **Sponsor: Rep. G. Roni Green (D)**
  - **Action: 09/29/2025 - Referred to - House Education**
- **HB1889** - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in pupils and attendance, further providing for when provided.
  - **Sponsor: Rep. Jeremy Shaffer (R)**
  - **Action: 09/29/2025 - Referred to - House Education**
- **HB1910** - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in books, furniture and supplies, providing for School Supplies for Educators Grant Program; and establishing the School Supplies for Educators Grant Program.
  - **Sponsor: Rep. Anthony A. Bellmon (D)**
  - **Action: 10/01/2025 - Referred to - House Finance**

- **SB766** - An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in departmental powers and duties as to licensing, providing for child care center attendance eligibility; and abrogating a regulation.
- **Sponsor: Sen. Rosemary M. Brown (R)**
- **Action: 10/01/2025 - Meeting Scheduled - 10/08/2025, 10:00 AM - Voting Meeting (House Children and Youth), Room B31, Main Capitol**
- **SB878** - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in career and technical education, further providing for Cosmetology Training Through Career and Technical Center Pilot Program.
- **Sponsor: Sen. Tracy Pennycuick (R)**
- **Action: 09/29/2025 - Placed on HVS**

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## **EDUCATION RECAP**

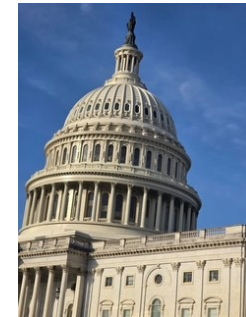
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## **Federal Update**

### ***Urge Congress to Maintain FY26 K–12 Education Funding Levels***

Urge your Senators and Representatives to reject the FY26 funding cuts proposed by the White House and House Appropriations Committee for federal K–12 education programs!



***Click here*** to Take Action!  
**Source: NAESP.org.**

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### ***Government shutdown key dates: What could happen, day by day***

The federal government **entered a shutdown** at midnight on Oct. 1 when lawmakers failed to pass new funding bills. It's unclear how long the stalemate will last, and lawmakers do not appear to be any closer to coming to an agreement that could reopen the government.

***Click here*** for full article.  
**Source: *NBC News*, Oct. 2, 2025 / Updated on Oct. 6.**

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### ***Education Department takes a preliminary step toward revamping its research and statistics arm***

There are signs that the Trump administration is partially reversing course and wants the federal government to retain a role in generating education statistics and evidence for what works in classrooms — at least to some extent.

***Click here*** for full article.  
**Source: *Hechinger Report*, Sept. 29, 2025.**

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## *Education Department brings back mental health grants*

The U.S. Department of Education will begin accepting grant applications for \$270 million across two programs aimed at boosting student mental health that were controversially canceled last spring, according to notices to be published in the Federal Register on Monday.

[Click here](#) for full article.

Source: *Education Dive*, Sept. 29, 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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