

# Education Recap



**Jan. 2 – 8, 2026**

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## SESSION STATUS

At 12:04 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 the House met briefly in non-voting session and now stands adjourned until Monday, January 26, 2026 at 12:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

At 12:31 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 the Senate recessed until Monday, January 26, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore

## UPCOMING SESSION DAYS

### House

Jan. 26-28  
Feb. 2-4  
March 23-25  
April 13-15, 27-29  
May 4-6  
June 1-3, 8-10, 15-17, 22-30  
Sept. 28-30  
Oct. 5-7, 19-21  
Nov. 9, 10

### Senate

Jan. 26-28  
Feb. 2-4  
March 16-18, 23-25  
April 20-22  
May 4-6  
June 1-3, 8-10, 22-26, 29-30

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## Press Conferences

*PLS coverage of Capitol events including press conferences, bill signings and media availabilities*

No press conferences this week.



## Committee News

*Comprehensive coverage of the House & Senate public hearings and voting meetings*

No committee news this week.



## Bullet.in.Points

### [GENERAL ASSEMBLY: 2026 PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE](#)

The General Assembly's Commission on Sentencing announced its 2026 public meeting schedule. Additional information is available on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

## Cosponsor Memos

### HCO2977 - Student Safety and Violence Education (SAVE) Act

#### Sponsor

Rep. Brian Munroe (D)

#### Summary

Requires schools to provide at least one hour, or one standard class period, of annual instruction for students in grades six through twelve on suicide prevention and violence prevention, and for students in grades K through 12 on social isolation.

#### Intro Date

01/06/2026

#### Last Action

01/06/2026 H - Cosponsor memo filed

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### HCO2980 - Unraveling Socialism Act

#### Sponsor

Rep. Brian C. Rasel (R)

#### Summary

Directs public institutions of higher education to require a course on the realities of communism and socialism in a free society.

#### Intro Date

01/06/2026

#### Last Action

01/06/2026 H - Cosponsor memo filed

## Basic Ed Bill Actions

**HB2117 - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school health services, further providing for definitions, for possession and use of asthma inhalers and epinephrine auto-injectors, for school access to emergency epinephrine and for administration of epinephrine auto-injectors by school bus drivers and school crossing guards.**

### Sponsor

Rep. Carol Hill-Evans (D)

### Summary

(PN 2738) Amends the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for definitions, for possession and use of asthma inhalers and epinephrine auto-injectors, for school access to emergency epinephrine and for administration of epinephrine auto-injectors by school bus drivers and school crossing guards. Provides definitions. Changes language from “asthma inhalers” to “short-acting asthma medications” throughout the bill. Changes language from “auto-injectors” to “delivery systems” throughout the bill. Allows a school entity or nonpublic school to have trained school employe administer an epinephrine delivery system or short-acting asthma medication that meets the prescription on file for the school entity or nonpublic school to a student that the employe in good faith believes to be having an anaphylactic reaction or asthmatic episode. Allows a physician or certified registered nurse practitioner to prescribe epinephrine delivery systems or short-acting asthma medications and a pharmacist may dispense epinephrine delivery systems or short-acting asthma medications in the name of the school entity or nonpublic school. Asserts said physicians and certified registered nurse practitioners will not be held liable for any civil damages as a result of its use under subsection (a), except in any act or omission intentionally designed to harm or any grossly negligent acts or omissions by the physician, nurse practitioner or a pharmacist which results in harm to a student. Outlines provisions that apply to any individual who administers an epinephrine delivery system or short-acting asthma medication pursuant to this section. Effective in 90 days.

### Intro Date

01/07/2026

### Actions

01/07/2026 H - Introduced

01/08/2026 H - Referred to House Education

## Higher Ed Bill Actions

No Bill Actions this week.

## Upcoming Events

### **MONDAY - 01/12/2026**

#### **2:00 PM, [Senate Republican Policy](#)**

*Public Hearing, Daniel Boone Middle School, 1848 Weavertown Rd., Douglassville, PA*

Public hearing on improving reading performance in schools

#### **5:00 PM, [House Democratic Policy](#)**

*Public Hearing, East Pennsboro Middle School, 529 North Enola Drive, Enola, PA*

Public hearing on universal school meals

### **THURSDAY – 01/22/2026**

#### **10:00 AM, [House Health](#)**

*Voting Meeting, Room 205, Ryan Office Building*

To consider [HB 2042](#) and [HR 203](#)

**MONDAY – 02/23/2026**

**9:30 AM, [Senate Appropriations](#)**

*Public Hearing, Hearing Room 1, North Office Building*  
Budget Hearing with the Department of Education (PDE)

**1:00 PM, [Senate Appropriations](#)**

*Public Hearing, Hearing Room 1, North Office Building*  
Budget Hearing with the Department of Education (PDE)

**TUESDAY – 03/03/2026**

**9:30 AM, [Senate Appropriations](#)**

*Public Hearing, Hearing Room 1, North Office Building*  
Budget Hearing with state universities in Millersville, East Stroudsburg, West Chester and Indiana

## **In the News**

[01/06/2026 - Cooper, Klunk Propose Protect Child Care Funding Act](#)

[01/06/2026 - Pennycuik to Host Public Hearing Examining Literacy](#)

[01/06/2026 - University of Pitt Health Sciences: Pitt's New Digital Dentistry Labs to Provide State-of-the-Art Education and Patient Care](#)

[01/07/2026 - PHRC Condemns Antisemitic and Racist Graffiti at Roxborough High School, Commends Community Unity in Response](#)

[01/08/2026 - Attorney General Sunday Honors Student Winners of 2026 Drug-Free Calendar Contest](#)

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