

Like Tweet

If you are having trouble viewing this email, [click here](#).

Dear Residents of SD-44:

Our democracy works best when we ALL participate. Thank you to everyone who voted in the primary election this past Tuesday. Elections happen twice every year and they wouldn't be possible without the hard work of our poll workers, who are doing their civic duty to ensure that voters can participate in the democratic process.

Many times, municipalities are looking for people to help fill the various roles inside of the polls up until a few days before the election. [Find out how](#) you can get involved in your community by becoming a poll worker for the next election.

In this e-blast, you will find a policy hearing recap on OSHA protections for public workers, an interactive tool for public school funding, and important information on the property tax rebate program.

Follow the latest updates, be sure to like and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Senator Katie Muth

Policy Hearing Recap: OSHA Protections for Public Employees

Currently, Pennsylvania workers at state and local government agencies do not have Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) protection. This means that workers of state and local governments are powerless to change their work environment if they feel unsafe at any time.

Last Thursday, the Pennsylvania Democratic Policy Committee held a [virtual public hearing](#) to discuss [Senate Bill 310](#) (Protecting Workplace Safety) and hear from leaders in government, labor, and education on how to best expand OSHA protections for both public and nonprofit employees.

Workers deserve to know that when they come to work, their health and safety is a priority and not an afterthought. No one should have to accept that life threatening conditions are just part of a job, and workers in every profession and field should have OSHA protections. I am proud to support [Senate Bill 310](#), and I am so grateful to Senator Tartaglione for championing this bill in the Senate and making workplace protections a priority in our caucus. You can watch a recording of the policy hearing [here](#).

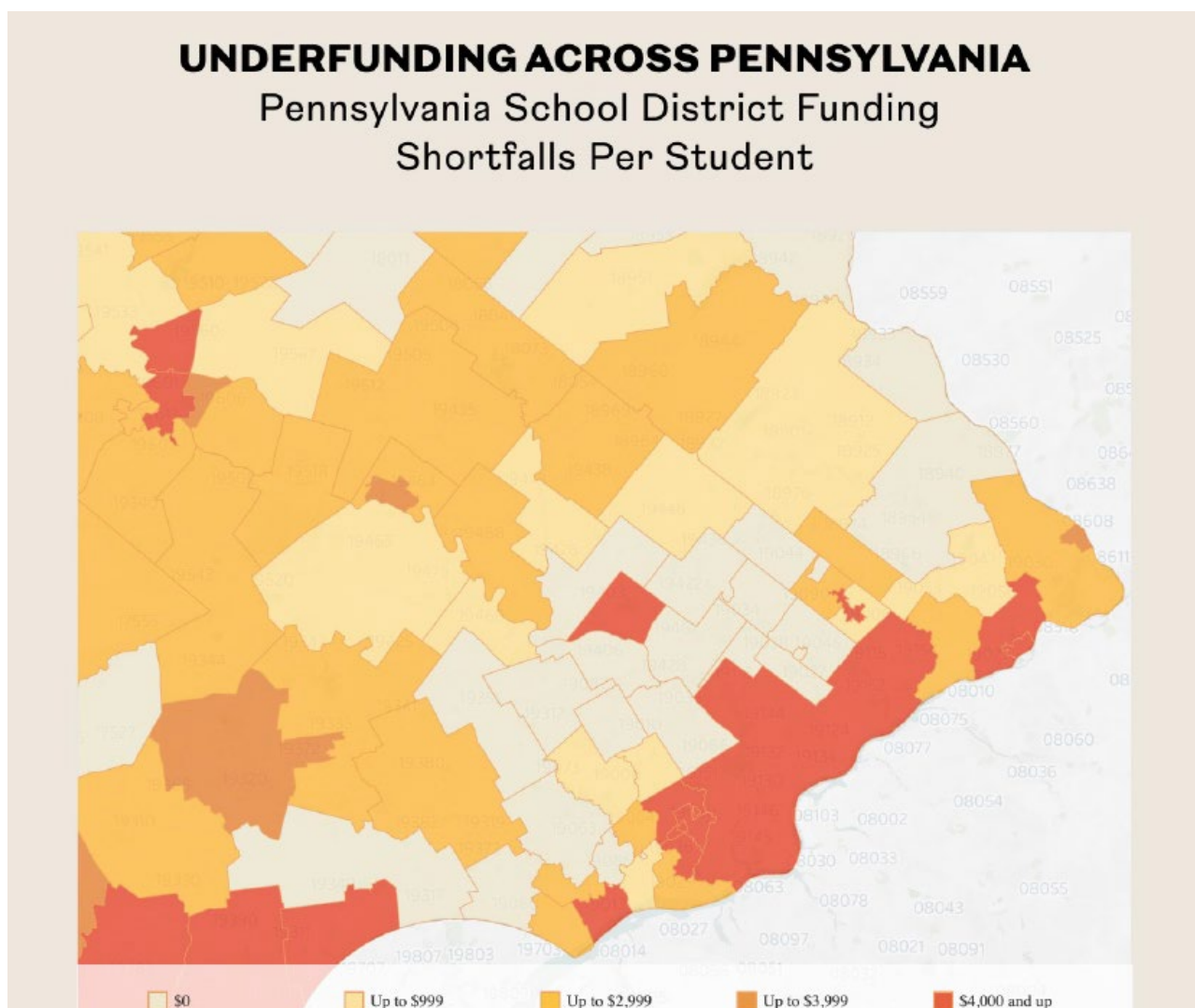


Fair Funding for PA Schools

When it comes to [public school underfunding](#) in PA, the facts are clear: 86% of the students in PA public schools attend school districts that are not adequately funded according to state law. For years, the Majority party in the General Assembly has failed to live up to their responsibility to provide sufficient state funding for public schools, which has left communities across the state without the resources they need for quality education.

But what does that shortchanging really look like in your community? [Fund Our Schools PA](#) has launched a new interactive tool on their site that pulls your local numbers to show the size and shape of underfunding in your community.

What can you do? [Download and share](#) the image that shows how much your school district is underfunded. Remember: underfunded school districts use your property taxes to make up the difference.



Find a Vaccine Provider Near You

Last week, PA hit a milestone in the fight against COVID-19 when the DOH announced that 50% of the population over 18 is fully vaccinated. All Pennsylvanians 16 or older are eligible to get vaccinated, and eligibility for the Pfizer vaccine expanded to children ages 12 to 15 on May 10. Find a vaccine provider near you: <https://www.vaccines.gov/>

- In addition, individuals can text their zip code to GETVAX (438829) for English, or VACUNA (822862) for Spanish and receive three possible vaccination sites in their area, with phone numbers to call for an appointment.



Property Tax / Rent Rebate Program

Pennsylvania Treasurer Stacy Garry has [announced](#) that Treasury has started processing payments for the annual Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program. Eligible Pennsylvanians can still apply through June 30, 2021, to receive a rebate this year.

For more information about eligibility and how to apply, Pennsylvania residents can visit the Department of Revenue's [website](#). Applications can be submitted online with the Department's myPATH system.

If you have questions about the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program, or needing assistance with an application please call my office at (610) 792-2137, or email us at senatormuth@pasenate.com.

Full release: <https://www.patreasury.gov/.../2021/05-19-Rent-Rebate.html>

An infographic titled 'PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM WHO IS ELIGIBLE?'. It features a house icon with a yellow circle inside that says 'APPLY BY JUNE 30'. Three horizontal bars list eligible groups: 'Pennsylvanians age 65 and older', 'Widows and widowers age 50 and older', and 'People with disabilities age 18 and older'. At the bottom, it says 'Certain income restrictions apply. For more information about eligibility and how to apply, visit the Department of Revenue's website or call 1-888-222-9109.' and includes the Pennsylvania Treasury logo with 'PENNSYLVANIA TREASURER STACY GARRY'.



How to Stay Informed

Pennsylvania Department of Health

- Follow the PA Health Department on [Twitter](#).
- Follow them on [Facebook](#).

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- Follow the CDC on [Twitter](#).
- Follow the CDC on [Facebook](#).

Stay Connected

Follow me on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) for the latest news and updates.



DISTRICT OFFICE

338 Main Street
Royersford, PA 19468
Phone: (610) 792-2137
Fax: (610) 948-3037

HARRISBURG OFFICE

185 Main Capitol | Senate Box 203044
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3044
Phone: (717) 787-1398
Phone: (717) 783-4587