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Representing the 22nd Senatorial District

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ON THE COVER: Surrounded by his Senate Democratic colleagues, Senator Flynn speaks inside the Capitol building in Harrisburg at a press conference calling for a gas tax holiday for Pennsylvanians.

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A Note from Senator Flynn

Dear Neighbor,

It's been a little more than a year since I have had the privilege as serving as State Senator for the 22nd Senatorial district. During this year, the Legislative Reapportionment Commission and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court approved new Pennsylvania Senate district maps. Whether you're new to the district or you've been a member for years, it's an honor to serve you, and I look forward to

continuing to fight for NEPA!

The following cities and towns now comprise the 22nd Senatorial District:

Lackawanna County:

• Benton Township, Clarks Green, Clarks Summit, Dalton, Dickson City, Dinmore, Glenburn, Greenfield, La Plume, Moosic, Newton, North Abington, Old Forge, Ransom, Scott Township, Scranton, South Abington, Taylor, Throop, Waverly, West Abington

Luzerne County:

• Avoca, Dupont, Duryea, Hughestown, Jenkins, Laflin, Laurel Run, Pittston City, Pittston Township, West Pittston, Plains, Wilkes-Barre City, Wilkes-Barre Township, Wyoming, Yatesville

I hope that this newsletter can give you a glimpse into what I have been working on throughout the last several months, both at home in NEPA and at the capital in Harrisburg. As always, if you believe my office can help you in any way, do not hesitate to reach out.

Marty Flynn – State Senator
22nd Senatorial District



Ways We Can Help

- Unemployment Compensation
- State Tax Issues
- PennDOT (*Driver's License Issues*)
- Birth Certificates
- Notarizations
- CHIP
- Voter Registration
- PACE/PACENET
- LIHEAP Applications
- Property Tax Rebates
- Rent Rebates
- Housing/Rental Assistance
- And Much More!



In February, I was honored to be invited to speak as a panelist at City & State's 2022



Transportation Summit. This event brought together experts across sectors to assess the current state of Pennsylvania's transportation systems as well as to discuss safety, innovation, and the future of transportation. Thank you to City & State Magazine for inviting me to speak!



In June, I was presented the Community Service Citation by the Pennsylvania Academy of Otolaryngology. Thank you to the Academy and to Dr. David Cognetti for this tremendous honor!

GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bring Resources to Our Community!

Senator Flynn is proud to announce that since taking office as state senator in June 2021, he has helped deliver **\$28,614,999** in grant funding to his district. Here are some highlights for Lackawanna County:

Greenfield Township

- **\$100,000** to purchase two patrol vehicles

The Deutsch Institute, Scranton

- **\$100,000** for renovations to Robinson Park Center for the Handicapped

Hospice of the Sacred Heart, Dunmore

- **\$60,000** to revitalize the inpatient unit

Mid Valley Elementary School, Throop

- **\$28,660** for the purchase and installation of synthetic turf for the athletic field

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

Post #25, Scranton

- **\$154,100** for the next phase of renovations to their facility to include the installation of a state-of-the-art commercial kitchen with appliances and the installation and construction of two handicap accessible bathrooms

Moosic Borough

- **\$58,000** to eliminate the knotweed invasive species and eliminate sediment that has reduced the carrying capacity of the Spring Brook
- **\$100,000** to construct a new public safety building that will house the fire and police departments

North Abington Township

- **\$152,687** to repair and pave Sullivan Road, including widening the road to a standard width of 18 feet

Old Forge Borough

- **\$85,539** to purchase body cameras and in-car camera systems for use by the police department

Nay Aug Park

- **\$200,000** for a playground improvement project in conjunction with the Scranton Municipal Recreation Authority

Throop Borough

- **\$72,950** for future improvements to the childcare program

SUPPORTING YOUTH SPORTS!

Senator Flynn was proud to sponsor a total of more than **\$400,900** in grants to support youth sports organizations.

RECIPIENTS INCLUDED

*Abington Little League
Connell Park Little League
Dunmore Missy Softball League
North Scranton Little League*

*South Scranton Little League
Minooka Athletic Association
Greenridge Little League*

Harrisburg Update: *From the Floor*

In July, the state legislature passed, and the Governor signed, a state budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. This budget makes meaningful – and, in many cases, historic – investments that will improve the lives of Pennsylvanians across the state. Importantly, it does this without any tax increases on hard-working families.

First, the budget includes \$1.1 billion in increases for public education to support our school districts and students. More information on these education investments are included on the next page.

Additionally, this budget also includes \$140 million in new funds to boost property tax and rent

rebate payments to homeowners and renters. This, combined with the increase in education funds, should provide some real relief to local taxpayers in the 22nd Senatorial District.

Finally, this budget includes a tax cut for businesses that fall under the Corporate Net Income Tax from 9.99% to 8.99%, with subsequent annual decreases of half a percent until it reaches 4.99%. This is an initiative I have fought hard for and introduced legislation to address, as we need to ensure that Pennsylvania is open and attractive to businesses. This supports our workers and economy.

Ultimately, this budget is not a



perfect product – it's a product of compromise. While initiatives that I have promoted – including a gas tax holiday – are not included in this budget, I believe that this is a solid blueprint to move Pennsylvania forward. I will continue fighting for policies that support the lives and livelihood of Pennsylvanians – especially those in the 22nd District.

Education Funding in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 State Budget

The newly passed state budget includes **\$1.1 billion in increases for public education** to support our school districts and students. This includes the following:

- An increase to Basic Education funding – including Level Up funding targeted at the 100 school districts with the greatest student need and fewest resources – of **\$750 million**;
- An additional **\$100 million** for special education funding;
- **\$95 million** in new funding for physical school safety and security grants;
 - **\$100,000** for each school district, plus \$15 per student
 - **\$70,000** for each charter school, Intermediate Unit, and Area Career and Technical Center
- **\$95 million** in new funding for mental health grants;
 - **\$100,000** for each school district, plus \$15 per student
 - **\$70,000** for each charter school, Intermediate Unit, and Area Career and Technical Center
- Additional **\$10 million** for Early Intervention;
- **\$60 million** increase for Pre-K Counts;
- **\$19 million** increase for Head Start Supplemental Assistance; and
- **\$6.1 million** increase for Career and Technical Education; and
- Additional increases for Career and Technical Education (**\$6.1 million**), Dual Enrollment grants (**\$7 million**) and Public Library Subsidies (**\$11 million**).

Funding for School Districts in the 22nd Senatorial District



The 22nd Senatorial District includes 11 school districts, spread across parts of Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties. The average funding increase provided across these 11 districts in the FY 2022/23 Budget is \$2,365,794 – or 12.4%.

A breakdown chart is provided below, which includes the change in fair formula funds as well as Level Up funding that are both factored into the Basic Education Spending total.

Three school districts in the 22nd district qualify for Level Up funding, which is targeted at the 100 school districts in the state with the greatest student need and fewest resources. These school districts include Mid Valley, Scranton, and Wilkes-Barre Area which will receive \$563,810, \$5,146,267, and \$3,874,575 in Level Up funding, respectively.

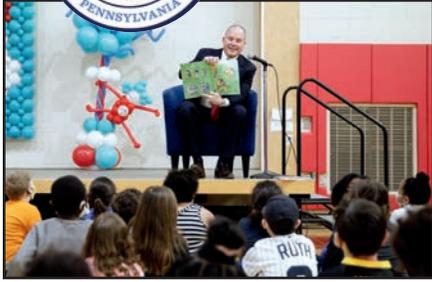
School District	County	2021/22 Basic Education Funding (inc. Level Up)	2021/22 Total Basic Education Funding (inc. Level Up)	YoY \$ Change in Basic Education Funding	YoY % Change in Basic Education Funding
Abington Heights SD	Lackawanna	\$6,768,431	\$7,370,508	\$602,077	8.9%
Dunmore SD	Lackawanna	\$4,558,490	\$4,852,373	\$293,883	6.4%
Lackawanna Trail SD	Lackawanna	\$5,881,408	\$6,168,287	\$286,879	4.9%
Lakeland SD	Lackawanna	\$5,597,917	\$5,816,983	\$219,066	3.9%
Mid Valley SD	Lackawanna	\$5,144,477	\$6,595,091	\$1,450,614	28.2%
Old Forge SD	Lackawanna	\$3,177,931	\$3,456,074	\$278,143	8.8%
Riverside SD	Lackawanna	\$5,892,469	\$6,138,402	\$245,933	4.2%
Scranton SD	Lackawanna	\$51,002,756	\$62,483,508	\$11,480,752	22.5%
Pittston Area SD	Luzerne	\$10,520,908	\$12,046,216	\$1,525,308	14.5%
Wilkes-Barre Area SD	Luzerne	\$33,874,992	\$42,920,852	\$9,045,860	26.7%
Wyoming Area SD	Luzerne	\$8,401,433	\$8,996,652	\$595,219	7.1%

The average increase in special education funding across the 11 school districts in the 22nd Senatorial District is \$241,406 – or 8.7%. A similar chart is provided with details on each school district below.

School District	County	2021/22 Special Education Funding	2021/22 Predicted Special Education Funding	YoY \$ Change in Basic Education Funding	YoY % Change in Basic Education Funding
Abington Heights SD	Lackawanna	\$1,825,843	\$1,888,816	\$62,973	3.4%
Dunmore SD	Lackawanna	\$971,070	\$1,029,481	\$58,411	6.0%
Lackawanna Trail SD	Lackawanna	\$949,665	\$1,020,470	\$70,805	7.5%
Lakeland SD	Lackawanna	\$1,047,727	\$1,094,694	\$46,967	4.5%
Mid Valley SD	Lackawanna	\$1,031,579	\$1,158,138	\$126,559	12.3%
Old Forge SD	Lackawanna	\$617,666	\$661,311	\$43,645	7.1%
Riverside SD	Lackawanna	\$910,236	\$964,892	\$54,656	6.0%
Scranton SD	Lackawanna	\$7,389,240	\$8,501,040	\$1,111,800	15.0%
Pittston Area SD	Luzerne	\$1,827,112	\$1,998,400	\$171,288	9.4%
Wilkes-Barre Area SD	Luzerne	\$5,418,099	\$6,143,028	\$724,929	13.4%
Wyoming Area SD	Luzerne	\$1,630,671	\$1,814,102	\$183,431	11.2%



Around the District



Senator Flynn read to students at Isaac Tripp Elementary School, Prescott Elementary School, and John Adams Elementary School in Scranton as part of Read Across America Week in March.

In April, Senator Flynn traveled to Philadelphia to meet with SEPTA executives, tour their downtown headquarters and transportation control center, and test out their train driving simulator.



Senator Flynn joined Governor Tom Wolf at Wilkes-Barre Area High School to promote the Level Up funding plan, which received a \$225 million increase in the 2022-2023 budget and is earmarked for Pennsylvania's poorest school districts.



In March, Senator Flynn joined state legislators to visit Pittsburgh's Frick Park, the site of the Fern Hollow bridge collapse.



Senator Flynn hosted a community forum entitled "America's Reading Crisis: The Impact on Our Children, Families, and Communities" at the University of Scranton in May.



In June, Senator Flynn hosted a press conference at the Dunmore Food Mart and called on his colleagues to join him in easing the financial burden put on the working families of Pennsylvania caused by record-high gas prices.

Inaugural Student Ambassador Program Concludes

Over the last several months, 27 high school seniors from every high school in my Senate district came together to learn about the responsibilities of a state lawmaker.

Throughout the program, these students have met their State Representatives, studied the legislative process, toured the Capitol building in Harrisburg, and attended a policy hearing that I hosted. In May, they concluded the experience by presenting their own pieces of legislation which I judged alongside our local state representatives.

These students have demonstrated a genuine interest in public service and community activism. They have been enthusiastically engaged in each session, posing insightful questions to our

speakers. They are an incredibly driven group of young adults, and they each possess the motivation and the curiosity to truly make a difference in the world. I have no doubt that they will be future leaders, not only in Northeastern Pennsylvania, but across the Commonwealth.





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