



ON THE COVER:

Senator Marty Flynn is joined by students, coaches and school officials from Old Forge High School during a Capitol press conference announcing Senate Bill 1253, legislation to give the PIAA greater flexibility in establishing separate postseason classifications for boundary and non-boundary schools.

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- Birth Certificates
- CHIP
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- PACE/PACENET
- LIHEAP Applications
- Property Tax Rebates
- Rent Rebates
- Housing/Rental Assistance & Much More



A note from

Senator Flynn

*Dear
Constituents,*

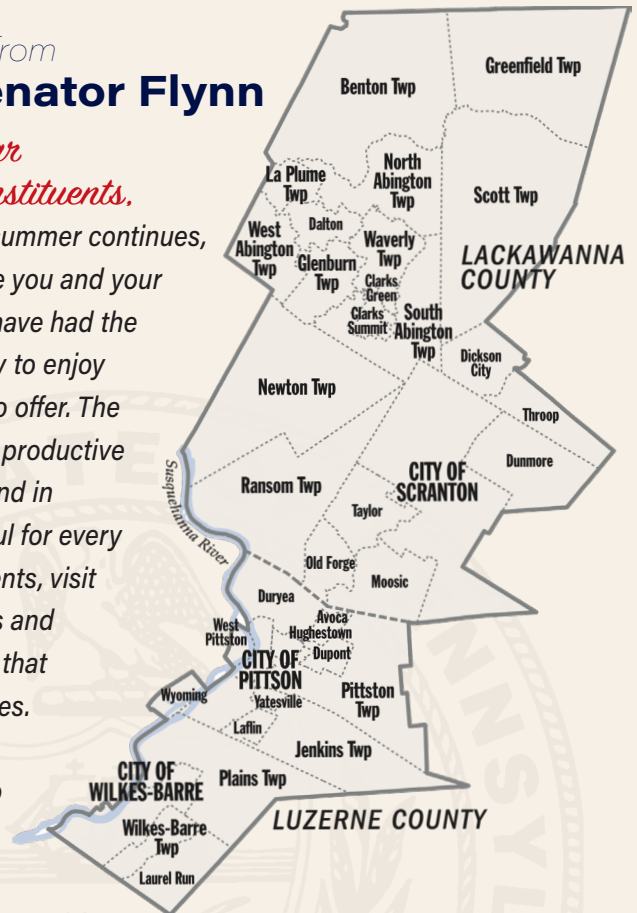
*As summer continues,
I hope you and your
family have had the
opportunity to enjoy*

*all that our communities have to offer. The
past several months have been productive
both here in the 22nd District and in
Harrisburg, and I remain grateful for every
opportunity to meet with residents, visit
our schools, attend local events and
continue working on the issues that
are important to our communities.*

*Thank you for taking the time to
read this **Summer 2026** edition
of my newsletter. I hope you
find these updates helpful and
informative and that they provide
a closer look at the work my office
has been doing throughout the district and at the Pennsylvania State Capitol.
As always, my staff and I are here if you need assistance or would like to share
your thoughts.*

I wish you and your family a safe, enjoyable and productive summer.

Marty Flynn – State Senator
22nd Senatorial District



Lackawanna County: Benton Township, Clarks Green, Clarks Summit, Dalton, Dickson City, Dunmore, Glenburn, Greenfield Township, 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

BRINGING STATE INVESTMENTS HOME

Allocation of Local Share Account (LSA) Funds - **\$5,638,515 million** will support 30 projects in Luzerne County.

More than \$7.4 million in Local Share Account funding is being invested into projects throughout Lackawanna and Luzerne counties. This funding will support improvements that people will see and feel in their everyday lives, from safer roads and upgraded emergency equipment to better parks, stronger community facilities, and investments that help local organizations continue serving residents.

LSA FUNDED PROJECTS IN LUZERNE COUNTY

Avoca Borough:

- **\$230,000** - Avoca Flatts Field Fencing and Improvements: To replace fencing at the Avoca/Dupont Teener League field also known as Flatts Field.

Dupont Borough:

- **\$112,610** - Building Renovations: To remove and replace VFW Post 4909's roof and multipurpose room flooring.
- **\$125,444** - Vehicle upgrades: To upgrade the Dupont Police Department's current high mileage police vehicles, with up-to-date vehicles.

Duryea Borough:

- **\$416,686** - Excelsior Hose Company Addition Phase III: To expand the Excelsior Hose Co. #2 firehouse.
- **\$146,281** - Marcy Street Property Update: To provide infrastructure improvements to property housing the borough's levee pump system.

Hughestown Borough:

- **\$196,215** - Hughestown Borough Ambulance: To purchase a new ambulance.

Jenkins Township:

- **\$157,487** - Community Power-Social and Political Unite: To renovate The Lithuanian Citizens Club.
- **\$70,000** - Fleet Modernization for Officer Effectiveness: To purchase and upfit a new police vehicle for the police department

Lafin Borough:

- **\$145,580** - Lafin Borough Townwide Security Cameras: To purchase a township wide security system installing five (5) cameras across the borough.
- **\$120,000** - Public Works Truck: To purchase an F-550 dump truck with plow attachment and upfitting.

Luzerne County:

- **\$19,267** - Redevelopment Authority of Luzerne County – 2024 Rail Freight Assistance Program (2025): For the rehabilitation of railroad infrastructure.

Pittston City:

- **\$300,000** - Market & Main Promenade – Park Improvements: To improve the park with new greenery, walking paths, architecture, and a new multipurpose stage.
- **\$400,000** - Pittston City Open Space Build Out: To make renovations to 71 S. Main Street anchor building.

Pittston Township:

- **\$202,935** - Browntown Italian Citizens Club Building Upgrade Project: To modernize and improve the Browntown Italian Citizens Enjoyment Club building.

- **\$19,750** - Fire Station Resilience and Safety Equipment Project: To purchase and install a permanent emergency back-up generator at its main fire station.
- **\$14,978** - Pittston Township Police Department Crime Scene Equipment Project: To purchase a two-part, multi-use camera system.
- **\$200,000** - Street Department Vehicle and Equipment Purchase: For the purchase of a compact loader/backhoe, dump truck with snowplow and salt spreader attachments, and two lawnmowers.

West Pittston Borough:

- **\$219,319** - West Pittston Borough Hose Company Fire Equipment Project: To purchase 17 new Scott Air-Pak XD SCBAs.

Wilkes-Barre City:

- **\$200,000** - Allied Services Elevator Modernization : For elevator upgrades to the Allied Services Personal Care Inc. nursing facility.
- **\$86,555** - City of Wilkes-Barre Computer Infrastructure Upgrades: To complete computer infrastructure upgrades at multiple City buildings.
- **\$367,471** - City of Wilkes-Barre Fire Department/Emergency Medical Services Ambulance Purchase: To purchase an advanced life support vehicle.
- **\$275,000** - City of Wilkes-Barre King's College Safety and Security Project Phase 3: For the replacement of forty-four streetlights and thirty security cameras.
- **\$51,700** - City of Wilkes-Barre Police Department Digital Message Boards: To purchase 2 digital message boards.
- **\$391,324** - Downtown Public Square Pathways Improvements: To provide pedestrian crosswalk and sidewalk improvements.
- **\$199,000** - River Common Millennium Circle Improvements: To complete lighting and fountain upgrades
- **\$325,000** - Wilkes University Nursing Simulation Lab Equipment: To purchase equipment for Wilkes University's new nursing simulation.
- **\$88,933** - Wyoming Valley Challenger Baseball (WVCB) Field Lighting: To install field lighting at Bog public park on behalf of Wyoming Valley Challenger Baseball.

Wilkes-Barre Township:

- **\$284,000** - Stormwater Drainage Improvements Project at Mohegan Arena: To install a drainage/stormwater system at Mohegan Arena.

Wyoming Borough:

- **\$72,980** - 2025 Wyoming Borough Municipal Equipment Project: For the purchase and upfitting of a new municipal pickup truck.

REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE CAPITAL PROGRAM (RACP) FUNDS

\$2,900,000 million will support 4 projects in Luzerne County.

More than \$10 million is coming back to Lackawanna and Luzerne counties to support projects that will strengthen our economy, improve access to healthcare and education, expand housing opportunities and revitalize neighborhoods through Governor Josh Shapiro's Administration.

RACP FUNDED PROJECTS IN LUZERNE COUNTY

Pittston City:

- **\$500,000** - Lumber Yard Conversion – Redevelopment Authority of the City of Pittston: Renovation of a two-story building and outside upgrades for parking and food vendors.

Wilkes-Barre City:

- **\$1,000,000** - Carey Holdings Redevelopment II – Carey Holdings LLC: Demolition of the current football stadium and surrounding structures, parking lot construction, and wall/fencing.

- **\$400,000** - Empire Street Redevelopment – City Mills, LLC: For historic preservation and redevelopment of the vacant Empire Silk Mill. into multi-family housing.

Wilkes-Barre Township:

- **\$1,000,000** - King's College Track – King's College: For sub-surface repair, scraping and replacing of the outer oval-shaped track surfacing, and the installation of a track runway with two sandpits.



in the **22nd DISTRICT**



WILKES-BARRE POLICE VEHICLES (LUZERNE COUNTY)

Supporting public safety remains one of my top priorities. That's why I was pleased to join Mayor George Brown, Chief Mike Boyle and Representative Eddie Day Pashinski as the City of Wilkes-Barre unveiled its new police vehicles, funded in part by the \$346,144 in Local Share Account funding I helped secure.



MODERNIZING PENNDOT INSURANCE VERIFICATION

House Bill 710 has officially been signed into law, making it easier for drivers to keep their vehicle insurance information up to date with PennDOT. Instead of placing the burden on vehicle owners to report new coverage, insurance companies will now submit that information electronically through an online verification system.



SUPPORTING FAIRNESS IN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Standing alongside the Old Forge School District student athletes and coaches at the State Capitol, I introduced Senate Bill 1253, which would give the PIAA the authority to establish separate playoff classifications for boundary and non-boundary schools to create a fairer postseason system. The bill does not require the PIAA to make any changes. Instead, it gives the organization the flexibility to evaluate whether separate championship pathways would better serve student-athletes across Pennsylvania.



STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

It was a pleasure to welcome this year's 2025-2026 Student Ambassadors to PA State Capitol in Harrisburg as they experienced state government firsthand. After spending months learning about the legislative process, they wrapped up the program by presenting their own legislative proposals focused on issues affecting Pennsylvanians. I was proud to work with such an outstanding group of students and look forward to seeing all they accomplish in the future.



NIGHT OF RECOVERY

Recovery is possible, and no one should have to face addiction alone. Thank you to Chris Dreisbach for organizing another impactful Night of Recovery, bringing our community together to recognize those in recovery, remember those we've lost and reinforce the importance of treatment, support and hope.



NEPA ARMED FORCES DAY

The NEPA Armed Forces Day Parade brought our community together to honor the men and women who have served and continue to serve in the United States Armed Forces. It was a privilege to take part in this annual tradition and recognize the sacrifices made by our veterans, active-duty service members and military families.



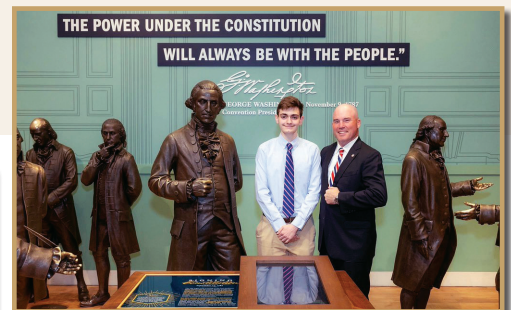
COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT

Residents from across the district came out to our Community Shredding Event to securely dispose of sensitive documents and take advantage of this free service. Thank you to everyone who participated, and to Representatives Jim Haddock, Bridget Kosierowski, Kyle Donahue and Kyle Mullins for partnering with us to make the event a success.



MEETING WITH BRITTANY ELMY

Meeting with Brittany Elmy and her family offered an important firsthand look at the challenges many families face accessing reliable in-home nursing care. Their experience reinforced the need to support home care services so individuals can receive the care they need while easing the burden on their loved ones.



AMERICA250PA CEREMONIAL SESSION

America's 250th anniversary is an opportunity to reflect on our nation's history and the values that continue to shape our future. As part of that celebration, I participated in the Pennsylvania Senate's America250PA ceremonial session at the National Constitution Center alongside Student Ambassador Vinny Esposito of Holy Cross High School, who proudly represented the 22nd District.





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2026-27 STATE BUDGET PRIORITIES

"This year's budget makes important investments that strengthen our schools, improve our infrastructure, support working families and continue moving Pennsylvania forward. I'm proud to have worked toward a budget that delivers for the people of the 22nd District and communities across the Commonwealth."

- State Senator Marty Flynn

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2026 - 27 BUDGET

TAX RELIEF & WORKING FAMILIES

- **More than \$1 billion** in property tax relief for Pennsylvania homeowners.
- **More than \$200 million** for the Working Pennsylvanians Tax Credit, helping nearly **1 million** workers keep more of what they earn.

EDUCATION

- **\$565 million** for adequacy and equity education funding.
- **\$154 million** for Career and Technical Education.
- **\$40 million** for student teacher stipends, helping future educators get paid while completing their required full-time student teaching.

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

- **\$775 million** for local roads and bridges throughout Pennsylvania.
 - One-time funding to expedite road and bridge projects that have already been planned in communities across Pennsylvania.
- Nearly **\$30 million** is expected for transportation improvements in Lackawanna and Luzerne counties over the next two years.

PUBLIC SAFETY & RETIREES

- **\$16.321 million** for four new Pennsylvania State Police cadet classes (480 cadets)
- A long-overdue **cost-of-living adjustment (COLA)** for eligible retired teachers, police officers and firefighters who retired before July 2, 2001.