

Education Recap



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Co-Sponsor Memos

HCO 601	Stephens, Todd	Expands access to high quality early childhood education services through a Pre-K private investment financing pilot program.
HCO 605	Sturla, Mike	Provides counties the option of levying a 1% sales tax.
HCO 624	Truitt, Dan	Repeals and replaces the Keystone Exam graduation requirement mandate.
HCO 627	Zimmerman, David	Permits the licensure of online schools.
HCO 629	Mackenzie, Ryan	Prohibits checks collected by a Tax Collector from being made payable in the name of an individual.
HCO 647	Christiana, Jim	Provides for Commonwealth payment of per-student expenditures by cyber charter schools.
HCO 653	Roae, Brad	Mandates that at least one school board member is present for all union contract negotiation sessions and that all school board members are allowed to attend all union contract negotiation sessions.
HCO 655	Roae, Brad	Prohibits a school board member from voting on a union contract if a close relative or household resident of the school board member is covered under the union contract being voted on.
HCO 664	Davis, Tina	Provides for teen dating violence education and peer support training.
HCO 665	Boyle, Kevin	Provides for universal pre-kindergarten and kindergarten in Pennsylvania.
HCO 666	Matzie, Robert	Establishes the Legislator Financial Interest Act.

HCO 670	Toohil, Tarah	Provides for a more stable education for children who are removed from their homes.
HCO 675	Hickernell, David	Requires PDE accept college credits earned in the subject of theology for continuing education requirements, obtaining master's degree or for teachers who currently hold a Level I certificate to advance to a Level II.
HCO 679	Heffley, Doyle	Provides additional relief to homeowners by reallocating additional state funds that are generated by gaming.
HCO 692	Davis, Tina	Allows for a schedule of payments of real property taxes that have been provided by the taxing authority and approved by the Department of Revenue to qualify as a Proof of Claim.
HCO 697	Topper, Jesse	Exempts Pennsylvania school districts (as well as any authority, instrumentality, or agency established by a school district) from the requirements of the Prevailing Wage Act.
HCO 707	Simmons, Justin	Permits local and state agencies to charge additional search, review and duplication fees when responding to public record requests made for a commercial purpose.
HCO 711	Truitt, Dan	Brings back the Mandate Waiver Program for school districts that expired at the end of 2010.
HCO 723	O'Brien, Michael	Establishes an elected school board to be accountable for the Philadelphia School District and shifts the taxing power for the district to this new board.
HCO 728	Benninghoff, Kerry	Provides an exception to the requirements of the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act for school construction projects where a school district does not seek state reimbursement.
HCO 743	Simmons, Justin	Removes the ability of candidates for school board to cross-file nomination petitions.
SCO 512	Costa, Jay	Authorizes reimbursement for educational services and boarding provided by Private Residential Facilities for adjudicated youth.
SCO 516	Schwank, Judy	Establishes an ad hoc Public Pensions Review Commission (PPRC).
SCO 542	McGarrigle, Thomas	Enacts a severance tax on the extraction of natural gas in Pennsylvania.
SCO 553	Wiley, Sean	Creates a competitive bidding system for cyber education in Pennsylvania.
SCO 555	Boscola, Lisa	Directs the Department of Education, in conjunction with the Department of Health, to provide instruction to 11th- and 12th-grade

students regarding donating blood.

HCO 675	Hickernell, David	Requires PDE accept college credits earned in the subject of theology for continuing education requirements, obtaining master's degree or for teachers who currently hold a Level I certificate to advance to a Level II.
HCO 720	Hickernell, David	Provides for children in foster care with the challenges of accessing higher educational opportunities.
SCO 502	Baker, Lisa	Allows a full-time dependent college student to receive Special Poverty (SP) Tax Forgiveness, even if their parents are not eligible.
SCO 516	Schwank, Judy	Establishes an ad hoc Public Pensions Review Commission (PPRC).
SCO 530	Scavello, Mario	Provides for loan forgiveness program for qualified college graduates entering the mental health, intellectual disability and drug and alcohol treatment professions.

Basic Education Bill Actions

HB 47	Godshall, Robert	Amends the Public School Code, in terms and courses of study, further providing for dates and times of school terms, sessions and commencement.
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Bill History: 01-13-15 H Filed

HB 64	Adolph, William	Act providing for suicide prevention continuing education.
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Bill History: 01-14-15 H Filed

HB 69	Godshall, Robert	Amends the Public School Code, in school directors, further providing for filling of vacancies.
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Bill History: 01-14-15 H Filed

HB 86	Wheatley, Jake	Amends Tax Reform Code providing for a teacher tax credit.
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Bill History: 01-15-15 H Filed

HB 98	Costa, Dom	Amends Public School Code, in safe schools, providing for definition of "nonpublic school" and further providing for policy relating to bullying.
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Bill History: 01-15-15 H Filed

HB 118	Costa, Dom	Amends the Right-to-Know Law further providing for exceptions for
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public records.

Bill History: 01-15-15 H Filed

[SB 28](#)

[Greenleaf, Stewart](#)

(PN 13) Amends the Taxpayer Relief Act by excluding from the definition of "income" Medicare Part B insurance premiums when calculating Social Security benefits. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 01-14-15 S Filed

01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

[SB 31](#)

[Williams, Anthony](#)

(PN 15) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) to remove certain definitions and to allow an income tax deferral if house hold incomes does not exceed \$50,000. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-14-15 S Filed

01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

[SB 36](#)

[Williams, Anthony](#)

(PN 19) Amends the Public School Code, in pupils and attendance, to further provide for definitions and to provide for what records a school entity must provide to a requesting district attorney under a community-based anti-truancy program. The legislation also provides for a child welfare endangerment penalty for parents refusing to participate in a community-based anti-truancy program. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-14-15 S Filed

01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

[SB 47](#)

[Williams, Anthony](#)

(PN 27) Amends the Public School Code providing for a parent trigger. The bill provides for definitions and describes implementation of intervention and implementation by parental petition in failing schools. The legislation lists department duties as well as school district duties. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-14-15 S Filed

01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

[SB 51](#)

[Greenleaf, Stewart](#)

(PN 30) Amends the Public School Code, in terms and courses of study, to require the Secretary of Education to publish on the Department of Education's website, for informational purposes, the "Guidance on Constitutionally Protected Prayer in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools" published by the federal Department of Education. The department may also put on its website any other information it deems relevant to this purpose and the legislation requires the department to direct school districts to publish the same information on their websites as well. School

districts are also required to annually update district students and families on where they can find this information. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 01-14-15 S Filed
01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

[SB 65](#)

[Greenleaf, Stewart](#)

(PN 44) Amends the Public School Code to include substance abuse prevention in the powers and duties of the Office of Safe Schools. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-14-15 S Filed
01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

[SB 66](#)

[Greenleaf, Stewart](#)

(PN 45) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) requiring seats on each bus to be equipped with retractable seat belts that passengers must wear. Effective in 90 days.

Bill History: 01-14-15 S Filed
01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

[SB 68](#)

[Greenleaf, Stewart](#)

(PN 47) The School-based Child-care Assistance Act authorizes the Department of Education to establish a statewide program to support and guide public and private schools in Pennsylvania in the establishment of extended school day child-care programs for school-age children; defining eligibility; and further providing for the powers and duties of the Department of Human Services. The Department of Education is required to provide grants to school districts and private schools for each school-age child enrolled in the school district's or private school's extended school day child-care program. The amount of the grant for each child shall be based on the total amount appropriated for that program divided by the total number of school-age children enrolled in school-based child-care programs throughout Pennsylvania. The department would annually evaluate extended school day child-care programs to determine the level of participation in the programs. The legislation also provides for school contracts with providers and requires that in contracting with a provider, the school district or private school shall give priority to not-for-profit child-care providers. Effective July 1, 2015, or immediately, whichever is later.

Bill History: 01-14-15 S Filed
01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

[SB 87](#)

[Boscola, Lisa](#)

(PN 63) Amends Title 4 (Amusements) to direct the

Commonwealth's table game tax revenues into the Property Tax Relief Fund in order to provide additional tax relief to local property taxpayers. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-14-15 S Filed
01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Community, Economic & Recreational Dev

[SB 88](#)

[Boscola, Lisa](#)

(PN 64) The Senior Citizens' Property Tax Freeze Act states that no political subdivision that imposes a real property tax on residential property may increase the tax or the tax rate on the real property of an individual if: (1) the individual is 65 years of age or older, (2) the individual resides on the property as to which the exemption is claimed and has resided there for at least five consecutive years immediately prior to claiming the exemption, (3) neither the individual nor any other person with whom the individual owns the property is currently claiming or receiving an exemption for other property located in Pennsylvania, and (4) the individual's annual income is not more than \$65,000. A person may apply for the exemption by filing a notarized statement with the political subdivision that imposes the tax. The Department of Revenue shall reimburse political subdivisions annually for the difference between the real property taxes imposed on individuals who are receiving exemptions and the tax liability which would have been imposed if the exemptions had not been granted. The act shall apply to the tax year beginning January 1, 2016, and is effective immediately.

Bill History: 01-14-15 S Filed
01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

[SB 125](#)

[Boscola, Lisa](#)

Amends Title 51 (Military Affairs), in disabled veterans' real estate tax exemption, further providing for exemption from payment of real estate taxes.

Bill History: 01-15-15 S Filed
01-15-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

[SB 138](#)

[Greenleaf, Stewart](#)

(PN 85) The Donated Services and Equipment Tax Credit Act allows a corporation to take a tax credit for equipment or services donated to a college or school entity in a taxable year. Calculation procedure for the credit is provided along with definitions. Effective in 90 days.

Bill History: 01-15-15 S Filed
01-15-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

[SB 139](#)

[Greenleaf, Stewart](#)

(PN 86) Amends the Tax Reform Code, in sales and use tax, by adding that "sale at retail" shall not include the resale of items purchased for resale by schools, school-related organizations and

nonprofit associations supporting or sponsoring sports programs. The bill provides for definitions. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-15-15 S Filed
01-15-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

[SB 140](#) [Greenleaf, Stewart](#) (PN 87) Amends the Public School Code lowering the minimum age for kindergarten from four years to three years. Also adds language providing that when established, kindergartens shall be available to all children residing in the school district who are of age. Effective July 1, 2015, or immediately, whichever is later.

Bill History: 01-15-15 S Filed
01-15-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

[SB 168](#) [Boscola, Lisa](#) Amends Title 18 (Crimes & Offenses), in minors, further providing for drug-free school zones.

Bill History: 01-15-15 S Filed
01-15-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary

[SB 169](#) [Boscola, Lisa](#) Amends the Public Employee Pension Forfeiture Act further providing for definitions.

Bill History: 01-15-15 S Filed
01-15-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

[SB 176](#) [Greenleaf, Stewart](#) Amends the Public School Code, in terms and courses of study, providing for historical documents, writings and records use in classrooms and censorship prohibited.

Bill History: 01-15-15 S Filed
01-15-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

[SB 215](#) [Yaw, Gene](#) Amends the Alternative Energy Investment Act, in Alternative Energy Development Program, further providing for pollution control technology projects and for Commonwealth Financing Authority.

Bill History: 01-15-15 S Filed
01-15-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Environmental Resources and Energy

[SB 216](#) [Fontana, Wayne](#) Amends Public School Code, in duties & powers of school directors, further providing for additional schools & departments & kindergartens; &, in terms & courses of study, for dates & times of school terms & sessions.

Bill History: 01-15-15 S Filed
01-15-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

[SB 261](#)

[Fontana, Wayne](#)

Act providing standards for carbon monoxide alarms in schools; and imposing penalties.

Bill History: 01-15-15 S Filed
01-15-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

Higher Education Bill Actions

[SB 25](#)

[Greenleaf, Stewart](#)

(PN 10) Amends the Police Officer, Firefighter, Correction Employee and National Guard Member Child Beneficiary Act extending benefits to surviving spouses of emergency medical services personnel, state parole agents, county probation and parole officers, sheriffs, and deputy sheriffs. The act is retroactive to January 1, 2013, and the benefit provided shall be available to qualified surviving spouses of police officers, firefighters, emergency medical services personnel, correction employees, state parole agents, county probation and parole officers, sheriffs, and deputy sheriffs and National Guard members of Pennsylvania killed in the performance of their duties since that date. No community college, state-owned or state-related institution shall reimburse qualified surviving spouses for tuition and fees or room and board charges paid between January 1, 2015, and the effective date of the paragraph. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 01-14-15 S Filed
01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

[SB 26](#)

[Greenleaf, Stewart](#)

(PN 11) The Volunteer Emergency Service Tuition Credit Program Act authorizes a person who is an active member of a volunteer fire company, volunteer ambulance service, or volunteer rescue squad in good standing and the dependent children and spouse of such volunteer to enroll in postsecondary courses on a tuition-credit basis in a community college. A volunteer and the volunteer's dependent children and spouse would be eligible to receive tuition credit in the aggregate amount of \$600 per year, not to exceed an aggregate maximum of \$2,400 over a four-year service period. In order to receive a tuition credit, the volunteer would agree to serve as a member of a volunteer fire company, volunteer ambulance service, or volunteer rescue squad for a minimum of four years and sign an agreement with the volunteer organization pledging four years of service in exchange for the tuition credit. Effective in 30 days

Bill History: 01-14-15 S Filed
01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

[SB 27](#)

[Greenleaf, Stewart](#)

(PN 12) The Volunteer Emergency Service Personnel Educational Assistance and Loan Forgiveness Act creates the Educational Assistance and Loan Forgiveness Program to provide grants to receive payments by PHEAA for debt incurred as a result of student loans entered into for the purpose of pursuing programs of education. To be eligible for the program, an applicant must be: (1) a qualified resident of Pennsylvania; (2) an active member of a volunteer fire company, emergency service team or rescue team for a period of at least one year in Pennsylvania; (3) enrolled as a student in an approved program of education at an approved institution of higher learning; and (4) provide the approved institution of higher learning with a sworn or official statement of fact by the state fire commissioner, or president or commissioner of a volunteer fire department of which the applicant is a volunteer, attesting that the applicant is a member in good standing of the volunteer fire company, emergency service team or rescue team. Grants for part-time students would not exceed one-half the tuition of the part-time course of study in which the part-time student applicant is enrolled and grants for full-time students would not exceed \$3,700 per academic year or the actual amount of the applicant's tuition for the academic year. For each year that an applicant is a member of a volunteer fire company, emergency service team or rescue team, PHEAA may forgive a proportional part of the applicant's loan so that the loan may be entirely forgiven over a maximum period of five years in which the applicant is attending an approved institution of higher learning. No more than \$2,000 would be forgiven in any year. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-14-15 S Filed
01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

[SB 33](#)

[Williams, Anthony](#)

(PN 17) The Intercollegiate Student Athlete Rights Act requires Pennsylvania colleges and universities with media revenues over \$10 million annually to provide comprehensive medical insurance coverage to student athletes beyond the NCAA-mandated minimum catastrophic insurance. Allows a student athlete to retain rights to his or her name and likeness for any purpose that is not directly related to the team, the school or the athletic associations. Also allows student athletes at PASSHE and state-related universities to form collective bargaining units to negotiate pay and benefits. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-14-15 S Filed
01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate

Education

[SB 138](#)

[Greenleaf, Stewart](#)

(PN 85) The Donated Services and Equipment Tax Credit Act allows a corporation to take a tax credit for equipment or services donated to a college or school entity in a taxable year. Calculation procedure for the credit is provided along with definitions. Effective in 90 days.

Bill History: 01-15-15 S Filed
01-15-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

[SB 260](#)

[Fontana, Wayne](#)

Act providing standards for carbon monoxide alarms in dormitories; and imposing penalties.

Bill History: 01-15-15 S Filed
01-15-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

Press Conferences

REP. CHRISTIANA UNVEILS SCHOOLWATCH

By Matt Hess

Rep. Jim Christiana (R-Beaver) held a press conference in the Capitol Media Center this morning to unveil SchoolWATCH, a tool that gives the public greater access to public school financial information.

“For several years now the House of Representatives have been committed to increasing transparency and accountability in government at every level of Pennsylvania. Our mission has been to show our constituents and all of Pennsylvania that we are committed to a different brand of Pennsylvania politics, a different brand of leading the Commonwealth, a brand that repairs the damage that has been done by too many scandals in the past,” he stated. “This cleansing process began with commonsense reforms, no brainers like ending the late night legislative sessions and continued with the launch of PennWATCH in 2012 and many others since. Today I’m excited that we can announce the next step in restoring trust in Pennsylvania government, giving people more access to the way we spend their hard earned tax dollars.”

Rep. Christiana explained he introduced legislation last session that would put SchoolWATCH into statute which passed the House but failed to get out of the Senate Education Committee. He indicated the Department of Education supported the initiative and internally created the system which is now available through the department’s School Performance Profile (SPP) website, www.paschoolperformance.org. “PDE was able to expand the SPP to include publically accessible financial data about our public schools on revenue and expenses for 500 traditional public schools, for 176 charter schools, 14 cyber schools, 73 comprehensive career and technical centers, and 29 Intermediate Units,” he stated. “When the executive branch and the legislative branch share a goal for giving the public access to their spending data we can do it and we did do it by the implementation of PennWATCH and now SchoolWATCH which is going to show the public \$56 billion in annual spending without an increased line item and without new reporting requirements for school districts.”

Rep. Christiana provided the media a walkthrough of the various data elements available on the website such as spending amounts for support costs, instructional costs, construction, average teacher compensation and per pupil spending. “It is important for the public to be able to see where the district is getting their dollars,” he stated. “When we fight in Harrisburg and around the Commonwealth about Harrisburg cutting X amount from education spending or Harrisburg is not investing adequately enough in education. I think the first step in those debates going forward is having the data available so that people and the media and elected officials can easily see where we’re spending dollars currently.”

Rep. Christiana noted that he will be reintroducing legislation to put SchoolWATCH into statute.

Rep. Stan Saylor (R-York), Chairman of the House Education Committee, emphasized the he plans to vote Rep. Christiana's legislation out of the committee's second meeting of the session. "One of the things I hear all the time from taxpayers in my district and throughout the Commonwealth has been the interest in opening up government," he stated. "There are a lot of people who want to keep the doors closed, they don't want government to be open and this goes to that direction of our schools. One of the biggest issues in my area and most of Pennsylvania is school property taxes. People are more interested in seeing how their dollars are spent as their taxes are going up."

Sen. Ryan Aument (R-Lancaster), Rep. Mark Mustio (R-Allegheny), Rep. Craig Staats (R-Bucks), and Rep. Tom Murt (R-Montgomery) were also on hand for the press conference.

Rep. Christiana then responded to questions from the media.

Is compliance mandatory? Do the schools have to provide this information to PDE to place on the website?

Because of the way PDE structured it and where they're getting the data information from, yes they are required to report this information already. I think PDE just found a way to organize that and display that in a very efficient manner. That was the difference from SchoolWATCH, there was penalty for not complying. That's not necessary with this approach.

Have you talked to anybody from the Wolf transition team about continuing this website when they take office?

The simple answer is no but hopefully like us and our democratic colleagues in the House in the Senate they are probably hopefully excited for this and to see it grow in the future and I look forward to talking to the new governor about this whenever he gets the opportunity.

Upcoming Events

Department of Education

January 16, 2015 - 9:00 a.m.

1st Floor, Honors Suite, 333 Market St., Harrisburg

Private Academic School Board Meeting. For additional information: (717) 787-4431

State System of Higher Education

January 21, 2015 - TBA

1st Floor Boardroom, Admin Bldg, 2986 North Second Street, Harrisburg Board Meeting.

For additional information: (717) 720-4028

Public School Employees' Retirement Board

*January 21, 2015 - 8:30 a.m. **Updated***

PSEERS Headquarters, 4th Floor Board Room, 5 North 5th Street, Harrisburg

Committee Meetings. For additional information: (717) 720-4749

Public School Employees' Retirement Board

*January 21, 2015 - 1:30 p.m. **Updated***

PSEERS Headquarters, 4th Floor Board Room, 5 North 5th Street, Harrisburg

Board Meeting. For additional information: (717) 720-4749

State System of Higher Education

January 22, 2015 - TBA

1st Floor Boardroom, Admin Bldg, 2986 North Second Street, Harrisburg

Board Meeting. For additional information: (717) 720-4028

Department of Education

*January 26, 2015 - 8:30 a.m. **Note updated time***

Heritage Room B, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg

Professional Standards & Practices Commission Meeting. For additional information: (717) 787-6576

Session Schedule

Senate

January 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28

February 2, 3, 4, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25

March 2, 3, 4

April 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22

May 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13

June 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30

House

January 20, 21, 26, 27, 28

February 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 23, 24, 25

March 2, 3, 4, 30, 31

April 1, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22

May 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13

June 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

Basic Education in the News

- 01-15-2015 [PA Newspaper Association Headlines & Deadlines - January 15, 2015](#)
(Press Release)
- 01-15-2015 [AG DePasquale Releases Audits for School Districts in Carbon, Delaware...](#)
(Press Release)
- 01-15-2015 [UPDATED: City of Philadelphia Releases Report on Growth and Porgress of City...](#)
(Press Release)
- 01-15-2015 [Majority Leader to Address PA Press Club](#)
(Press Release)
- 01-15-2015 [Allegheny Institute Policy Brief: The Department of Education's Misleading...](#)
(Press Release)
- 01-15-2015 [Private School Proponents to Announce "PA School Choice Champion Legislator..."](#)
(Press Release)
- 01-15-2015 [Company's presentation gives details on Norwin STEM Center](#)
The new plan for a science, technology, engineering and math — or STEM — center at Norwin High School would include glassed-in entrances at the north side of the building. Modular classrooms, already containing heating and air-conditioning ducts and other features, could be built off-site and dropped into interior... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-15-2015 [New state website provides financial data on school districts, teacher salaries](#)
For the past two school years, taxpayers who wanted to know about the academic performance of their schools and districts could find that information on the School Performance Profiles created by the state Department of Education. Now they can access detailed financial information about their districts on... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-15-2015 [Company's presentation gives details on Norwin STEM Center](#)
The new plan for a science, technology, engineering and math — or STEM — center at Norwin High School would include glassed-in entrances at the north side of the building. Modular classrooms, already containing heating and air-conditioning ducts and other features, could be built off-site and dropped into interior... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

- 01-15-2015 [**Pittsburgh students pursuing chess as after-school activity**](#)
It takes 2,200 points to become a chess master, according to United States Chess Federation rankings. Sean Maxwell, 14, of Peters hopes to get there someday. Until then, he'll keep playing because he likes the challenge. "You can never really stop learning chess," Sean said. "You can... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-15-2015 [**South Butler educators extoll benefits of 'One school, one book'**](#)
Simply put: "Something happens when students all read the same book." South Butler School Board member Nelda Burd was referring to her son's college experience, but changes are taking place among Knoch Middle School sixth-graders since their collective reading of "Schooled," by... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-15-2015 [**The theft epidemic: Simple safeguards**](#)
Embezzlement and other "insider" theft that victimizes professional, fraternal and community organizations have reached epidemic proportions in our region. And too many groups aren't taking steps to safeguard their money from members and leaders who have become common... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-15-2015 [**In Camden, signs of progress**](#)
By Paymon Rouhanifard Alesha Figueroa got a B on her biology final. While this news may be unremarkable to those unfamiliar with this graduate of one of our high schools, Alesha's story represents the promise, problems, and progress of the Camden City School District.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-15-2015 [**Coatesville to sue former school board solicitor**](#)
The former solicitor of the Coatesville Area School District will be sued over alleged overbilling of the district, joining the former superintendent and former athletic director as a target of litigation. The Coatesville school board voted Tuesday to sue James Ellison; his former... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-15-2015 [**In Montco, a family with principals**](#)
As soon as Jill Clark started her job as principal of Sandy Run Middle School, a predecessor began bombarding her with all kinds of advice. Keep lost-and-found items in the hallway so students see them; get a good desk organizer; hang diplomas on the wall so parents know their child is in... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-15-2015 [**Competency hearing begins Jan. 27 for Dorothy June Brown**](#)
A federal judge has scheduled a hearing to begin Jan. 27 to determine whether Dorothy June Brown is competent to be retried on charges she defrauded the charter schools she founded of \$6.3 million. Brown's attorneys raised the question of her competency days before she was... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-15-2015 [**Harrisburg police Chief Tom Carter slashes costs to try to get police officers inside schools**](#)
HARRISBURG — Harrisburg police Chief Tom Carter resubmitted a plan Wednesday night to put city officers in city schools that cost nearly half as much as his first proposal. The new proposal, reduced in scale and cost, addresses concerns by school board members that Carter's first plan was too expensive, with a \$1.4... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 01-15-2015 [**High school students want bus passes, positive interactions with police in Harrisburg**](#)
HARRISBURG — When Harrisburg police officers stop Divine Ward, a Harrisburg High School student, as he walks along the street, he wants them to ask him how he's doing, not what he's doing. "I don't want them to treat me with suspicion," Ward said. "I want them to... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 01-15-2015 [**State Rep. says more school funding is not the answer: PennLive letters**](#)
Inadequate responsibility is causing school budget problems, not inadequate state funding. Most

employers put an amount equal to about 5 percent of payroll into the employee 401(k) retirement plan. School districts have to pay about 25 percent to the PSERS pension plan. For every \$1 a school district pays an... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

01-15-2015 [**Gov.-elect Wolf is right -- Pa. needs an Office of Charter and Cyber-Charter Schools: Maurice Flurie**](#)

By Maurice Flurie During last year's gubernatorial campaign, Gov.-elect Tom Wolf said charter schools in Pennsylvania should be held accountable to the students they teach, the families they support, and the taxpayers who fund them. I couldn't agree more. That is why I support Wolf's proposal to create an office of Charter and... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

01-15-2015 [**Website posts salaries of Pennsylvania teachers**](#)

HARRISBURG — Salaries for Pennsylvania public school teachers and administrators have been released online... - [AP](#)

01-15-2015 [**Letter to the editor: Pension woes merit discussion**](#)

I thank State College Area School District board member Jim Pawelczyk for honestly and systematically tackling an issue that threatens the economic well-being of every Pennsylvanian (CDT, Jan. 5). The Public School Employees' Retirement System must be fixed. I realize... - [State College Centre Daily Times](#)

01-15-2015 [**West Virginia Withdraws Altered Climate Curriculum**](#)

West Virginia education officials on Wednesday retreated from an earlier curriculum decision that expressed doubts about widely held views of climate change. The State Board of Education voted 6-to-2 to withdraw its altered version of the Next Generation Science Standards, which were developed by 26... - [New York Times](#)

01-15-2015 [**The moral imperative of No Child Left Behind**](#)

EDUCATION SECRETARY Arne Duncan tells a story that was distressingly familiar for children of color before the implementation of the No Child Left Behind law. At his mother's after-school tutoring program on the South Side of Chicago, he worked with a young man who thought he was headed... - [Washington Post](#)

01-15-2015 [**York City school plans in limbo with new state administration on the way**](#)

Questions about how the York City School District moves forward hinge on a new state administration taking office, the district's recovery officer said Wednesday night. At a Community Education Council meeting, David Meckley gave an overview of recent events, including his court appointment as district receiver and the... - [York Daily](#)

01-15-2015 [**Abington Heights School District settles lawsuit over student's education**](#)

The Abington Heights School District has reached an agreement with a special education student's parents who objected to his transfer to another elementary school. The settlement resolves a legal battle over the district's decision to transfer the student, who has diabetes, from the Waverly to the Clarks... - [Scranton Times](#)

01-15-2015 [**W-B Area School Board member Katsock seeks magisterial judge post**](#)

Wilkes-Barre Area School Board member Christine Katsock has announced she will run for magisterial district judge. Katsock, 45, a Democrat from Plains Township, said she plans to run for the position held by Diana Malast, who plans to retire. The judicial district... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)

01-15-2015 [**Ex-administrator: No suspicions of inappropriate conduct by Stahl**](#)

If it happened, the assistant principal says he didn't see it. Andrew Kuhl, superintendent of the Hanover Area School District, testified Wednesday that while a Coughlin High School administrator, he was never made aware and harbored no suspicions of inappropriate conduct between... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)

- 01-15-2015 [**District spending available as SchoolWATCH goes live**](#)
 Financial data of school districts and charter schools is now available on the state Department of Education's existing School Performance Profile website, state Rep. Jim Christiana announced Wednesday in Harrisburg. At a morning press conference in the Capitol live-streamed on his website,... - [*Beaver County Times*](#)
- 01-15-2015 [**Resource officer hired in Quaker Valley School District**](#)
 SEWICKLEY -- Quaker Valley School District has hired a school resource officer to cover the district's four schools. - [*Beaver County Times*](#)
- 01-15-2015 [**Easton Area School Board prayer would violate church-state separation, ACLU says**](#)
 If the Easton Area School Board follows through with a suggestion to pray before each meeting, the district will open itself up to a lawsuit from the American Civil Liberties Union. "If we got a complaint from a student or a parent from the school district, we would definitely consider representing them," said Sara Rose, a staff... - [*Easton Express-Times*](#)
- 01-15-2015 [**Readers' Views: Congratulations for the gas deal**](#)
 The Downingtown Area School District recently sold an easement to Columbia Gas Transmissions for \$512,515. Our Chamber of Commerce congratulates both parties on a successful and productive resolution to this matter. While the two-parties involved were the Downingtown school district and Columbia, those who will benefit extend... - [*West Chester Daily Local News*](#)
- 01-15-2015 [**Readers' Views: Congratulations for the gas deal**](#)
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- 01-15-2015 [**New Pa. online tool offers financial data on public schools**](#)
 A new online tool was launched Wednesday to give Pennsylvania taxpayers better access to how public schools are spending money, including the amounts the districts are paying for salaries. It can be found at the Pennsylvania Department of Education's School Performance Profile website, state Rep. Jim Christiana announced, saying it... - [*Washington Observer-Reporter*](#)
- 01-15-2015 [**Pottsville Area officials: Merger with Saint Clair Area in draft form**](#)
 Pottsville Area School District officials confirmed Wednesday that they're putting the finishing touches on a plan to merge with Saint Clair Area over the next few years. "There's a lot of work ahead of us. We're currently reviewing the feasibility study," John F. Boran, Pottsville Area board president,... - [*Pottsville Republican and Evening Herald*](#)
- 01-15-2015 [**Nigerian church leader speaks to Christopher Dock students in wake of Boko Haram violence**](#)
 Towamencin >> The students of Christopher Dock Mennonite High School attended a powerful presentation on Wednesday by Musa Mambula, the national spiritual adviser for Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN), also known as the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria. Mambula spoke to the students about the violence in Nigeria perpetuated by... - [*Lansdale Reporter*](#)
- 01-15-2015 [**Retirement increase would create \\$650K budget gap at Conneaut**](#)
 LINESVILLE — It's already looking grim for Conneaut School District's 2015-16 budget after its board of directors received a budget update Wednesday. Business manager Kara Onorato reported to the board at a combined work session/monthly meeting that the Pennsylvania School Employees Retirement... - [*Meadville Tribune*](#)
- 01-15-2015 [**Elco school board discusses changes in child abuse law**](#)
 MYERSTOWN >> The child abuse scandal involving former Penn State football coach Jerry Sandusky is having far-reaching results. At the Elco school board meeting Monday, Superintendent

David Zuilkoski told the members that all school districts in the state now have to comply... - [Lebanon Daily News](#)

- 01-15-2015 [Gov.-elect Tom Wolf inspires York County residents to attend their first inauguration](#)
It was a bittersweet day for Salome Johnson. Her guy won the election, but her husband lost his life. She and Ira Johnson were married for 49 years, through health and sickness, and many political campaigns. But Democrat Tom Wolf's gubernatorial campaign was the first time she got... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 01-15-2015 [Pennsylvania School For The Deaf Teachers Voting On Whether To Form A Union](#)
PHILADELPHIA (CBS) – The staff at the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf votes today on whether they should be represented by a union. Staffers at the school will cast secret ballots to decide whether to be represented by the American Federation of Teachers. The private school in... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 01-15-2015 [Hempfield superintendent hire not so super on transparency](#)
The Issue The Hempfield School District, Lancaster County's second largest, voted unanimously Tuesday to hire a superintendent to take over when Brenda Becker retires at the end of the 2014-15 school year. Chris Adams, an assistant superintendent in the district since 2008, was signed to a... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 01-15-2015 [State bills aim to make it harder to condemn preserved farmland for pipelines](#)
State legislation will be re-introduced shortly that would block a gas pipeline company from condemning farmland preserved with taxpayer money without approval from a state board. Another bill would require that any pipeline company that takes preserved farmland in Pennsylvania's most populated counties, including... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 01-15-2015 [State adds budget information and teacher salaries to school rankings site](#)
Want to know the average teacher salary in your school district? What about how much the district pays for students attending a charter school, or how much it spends on instructional versus non-instructional costs? That information and more is now available at a glance at... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 01-15-2015 [Counselor fired for Facebook post](#)
MaryKate Blankenburg has learned a hard lesson about carelessness when using social media. It's a lesson that has cost her her job as a guidance counselor at Central Bucks West High School. On Tuesday, the school board voted to terminate Blankenburg for the following comment she posted on Facebook on Dec. 6: "If my child cannot... - [Levittown Intelligencer](#)
- 01-15-2015 [End back room deals](#)
It has become apparent that a majority of the Fairfield Area School District Board Directors have been making deals behind closed doors and not including all FASD Directors. The private emails exchanged (discovered through Right To Know requests) between directors stating the Solicitor for... - [Gettysburg Times](#)
- 01-15-2015 [Southern teachers set date to strike](#)
FRANKLIN TWP. — Southern Columbia's teachers have set a March 31 strike date if contract negotiations continue to stall, a union spokesman said. Educators... Story Tags: Paul Caputo Mark McDade Person Communication and Meetings Chris Gengler Southern Columbia Columbia... - [Bloomsburg Press Enterprise](#)
- 01-15-2015 [Senior life facility agrees to payment](#)
ADAMS TWP — A Lutheran Senior Life facility will pay both the Mars School District and the township an annual payment in lieu of the taxes. An agreement was approved by the Adams Township supervisors on Monday night and the Mars School Board on Tuesday night for payments on the Overbrook... - [Butler Eagle](#)

- 01-15-2015 [**Our View: A school community comes together**](#)
It's easy to list the challenges facing public education these days. Budget cuts, standardized tests, taxes, class sizes, pensions, teacher qualifications ... and on and on and on for a list that never seems to stop growing. So we admire the people who find ways around those obstacles rather than... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)
- 01-15-2015 [**Dual enrollment is the key to help Cheyney and Lincoln Universities: Andrew Dinniman and Valerie I. Harrison**](#)
As we remember the invaluable contributions of Martin Luther King, Jr. and so many other Civil Rights trailblazers this month, let's not overlook the pivotal role of education in the path to equality. Recently, an Associated Press story revealed that the gap between wealthy... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 01-15-2015 [**Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute breakfast Jan. 17 to include Manigault Special**](#)
Harrisburg's Gospel legends, the Manigault Special, have been added to the Inter-Denominational Ministers Conference of Greater Harrisburg's 38th MLK Tribute this weekend. It will include a prayer breakfast beginning at 9 a.m. Jan. 17 and a worship service on Jan. 18.... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 01-14-2015 [**Sen. Casey Mentions for January 14, 2015**](#)
(Press Release)
- 01-14-2015 [**Teplitz Remains Senate Local Government Chair, Receives New Committee...**](#)
(Press Release)
- 01-14-2015 [**Sims sets priorities for second term in Pa. House**](#)
(Press Release)
- 01-14-2015 [**New Tool Gives Public Greater Access to PA School Budgets, says Christiana**](#)
(Press Release)
- 01-14-2015 [**More Than 300 PA High School Teams Participate in 2015 PBA Statewide Mock...**](#)
(Press Release)
- 01-14-2015 [**PoliticsPA: PA-Gov: Wolf Unveils Choice for Budget Secretary**](#)
(Press Release)
- 01-14-2015 [**The Fairness Center: PSEA Flouts State Law for 45 Years**](#)
(Press Release)
- 01-14-2015 [**Rep. Christiana Unveils SchoolWATCH**](#)
(Around the Capital)
- 01-14-2015 [**New website helps educators deal with grieving students**](#)
By the time children reach age 16, about 1 in 20 will have experienced the death of a parent and the vast majority will have experienced the death of someone close to them. Those statistics from David Schonfeld, director of the National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement in Philadelphia, point to how common grief is... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-14-2015 [**Stay focused on correcting educational inequities**](#)
The Jan. 4 front-page article "A+ Schools Looking to Strengthen Advocacy Role" was quite interesting. As a parent, grandparent and advocate for eliminating the ever-widening achievement gap between black and white students since the Richard Wallace administration, I have an... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

- 01-14-2015 [**School financial data to be added to Pennsylvania's academic performance website**](#)
The state Department of Education's plan to add school district financial data to an academic performance website bodes well for government transparency, but it does nothing to prevent faulty comparisons of district performance, a local superintendent said Tuesday.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
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The state Department of Education's plan to add school district financial data to an academic performance website bodes well for government transparency, but it does nothing to prevent faulty comparisons of district performance, a local superintendent said Tuesday.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-14-2015 [**Chesco teacher arrested for alleged sex with student**](#)
A 35-year-old former teacher at an all-boys school has been arrested for having an inappropriate relationship with her 16-year-old student, according to West Whiteland Township police. Sarah O'Neill of Coatesville, who taught for seven years at Church Farm School and was the chair of the English department, has been charged with... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-14-2015 [**Embattled Chester Upland receiver gets adviser**](#)
Francis Barnes, picked last month by Pennsylvania education officials to replace embattled Chester Upland School District receiver Joe Watkins, now has been hired to work with him, state officials announced Tuesday. Barnes, a former state education secretary, is to be paid \$144,000 annually... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-14-2015 [**Female teacher at Pa. all-boys school accused of sex with student, 16: 'Loving deeply and wrongly'**](#)
According to police in Chester County, this wasn't just alleged sex between a female teacher at an all-boys school and her then-16-year-old student. It was a full-blown, 10-month relationship that included love letters, stays at Motel 6 and oral sex in a car.... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 01-14-2015 [**Peters Township School District facing \\$2.5 million budget shortfall**](#)
McMURRAY – Peters Township School District is faced with a \$2.5 million budget gap for the 2015-16 school year, which makes a tax increase for township residents likely. But no final decision will take place until the end of June, when the final budget will be adopted, said Shelly Belcher, district spokeswoman. The... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 01-14-2015 [**Easton Area School Board president wants to pray at meetings**](#)
The Easton Area School Board could start its meetings with more than the Pledge of Allegiance. A prayer. At a meeting Tuesday night, President Frank Pintabone told the board he wants to open each meeting thanking a higher power — whether that's God, Allah or any other deity, he said.... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-14-2015 [**Wolf makes picks for Pennsylvania banking, agriculture jobs**](#)
HARRISBURG, Pa. — Gov.-elect Tom Wolf is again turning to appointees of the state's last Democratic governor, Ed Rendell, as he assembles his new administration... - [AP](#)
- 01-14-2015 [**Michigan Governor Names Fourth New Manager for Detroit Schools**](#)
CHICAGO — Gov. Rick Snyder of Michigan appointed a new emergency manager on Tuesday to oversee the Detroit Public Schools, the fourth such state-assigned manager to lead the struggling system since it was deemed in serious financial trouble in 2009. While the city of Detroit itself emerged late last year from emergency... - [New York Times](#)
- 01-14-2015 [**Reviewing Federal Education Law, Senator Seeks More Local Control**](#)
Ahead of hearings to discuss an overhaul of No Child Left Behind, the signature education law from the George W. Bush administration, Senator Lamar Alexander, Republican of Tennessee and

chairman of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, said Tuesday that he wanted to... - [New York Times](#)

01-14-2015

[Central York students focus on a better world \(YDR opinion\)](#)

Good teachers inspire students to look beyond their own little high school cliques and social media circles to the wider world. Great ones inspire students to make a difference in their community, their country and across the globe. Central York High School teacher Greg Wimmer belongs in the second... - [York Daily](#)

01-14-2015

[Keep your promises on school funding, Gov. Wolf \(letter\)](#)

Dear Gov. Tom Wolf: As one of millions who voted for you, campaigned for you and posted a yard sign for you — welcome to office. Your forerunner treated education like his private piggy bank. He gleefully slashed school budgets, blaming it on federal stimulus dollars, Gov.... - [York Daily](#)

01-14-2015

[Our Opinion: Don't ban public from Wilkes-Barre Area task force sessions dealing with school buildings](#)

Don't shut out the public from discussions about the fate of Wilkes-Barre Area's high schools. Much to their credit, the school board's current members seem determined to tackle the politically treacherous issue of renovating or rebuilding one or more of the city's three, worn-out structures —... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)

01-14-2015

[Far-Reaching Impact](#)

Changes in state law implemented last month with the intent of increasing protection for students will have far-reaching impacts on how people volunteer in the Warren County School District and will also affect all employees and independent contractors of the district.... - [Warren Times Observer](#)

01-14-2015

[Legislation needed to give schools 180-day flexibility](#)

As he attempted to elude police last fall after allegedly killing a state trooper and wounding another, Eric Matthew Frein also managed to disrupt business activity in the Poconos and the schedules of the Pocono Mountain and Wallenpaupack Area school districts.... - [Shamokin News-Item](#)

01-14-2015

[SCA sets strike date](#)

CATAWISSA R.R. - Teachers at Southern Columbia Area School District have set a strike date of March 31, but there remains hope an agreement on a new contract can be reached before then. "We are always hopeful that we can move forward and reach an agreement,"... - [Shamokin News-Item](#)

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[Not so 'super' search](#)

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01-14-2015

[Keystone conducting kindergarten survey](#)

The Keystone School District is conducting a survey to determine the number of children eligible to enter classes at Keystone Elementary School for the 2015-2016 school year. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be five years of age on or before Sept. 1.... - [Oil City Derrick](#)

01-14-2015

[McCann school bolsters career fair with transportation, child care tips](#)

When you're a parent with pre-school-age children and you're working to start a new career, you need more than just determination. "You need options. And not a lot of people don't know what their options are," according to Jennifer Crisafulli, 24, of Minersville.... - [Pottsville Republican and Evening Herald](#)

01-14-2015

[Officials seek more answers to pending law](#)

Pa.'s Act 153 would require background check for volunteers - [Lock Haven Express](#)

- 01-14-2015 [**Pension casts a 'cloud' on district financial outlook**](#)
 ELLWOOD CITY -- The finances of Ellwood City Area School District are strong, according to an independent audit report issued during Monday's school board meeting. Ellwood City's debt ratio and fund balances are favorable. The district closed out the 2013-14 fiscal year with a surplus of more than \$700,000,... - [*Ellwood City Ledger*](#)
- 01-14-2015 [**Central Bucks District Weighs Career Future of School Counselor After Online Rant**](#)
 DOYLESTOWN, Pa. (CBS) — A Bucks County school counselor who threatened online to “personally shoot” protesters staging a die-in after an Eagles' football game may soon be out of a job. The superintendent of the Central Bucks School District, in Doylestown, is... - [*KYW News Radio 1060*](#)
- 01-14-2015 [**Northeast Philadelphia Grade School Closed Wednesday For Disinfecting After Students Fall Ill**](#)
 PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — Nazareth Academy Grade School in the Northeast is closed today because many of the students are experiencing “flu-like symptoms.” The school's principal says a lot of students have been sick this week. She says 55 students were out sick Monday, then 75 students called out sick... - [*KYW News Radio 1060*](#)
- 01-14-2015 [**New Hope Solebury library receives matching grant**](#)
 State Rep. Scott Petri, R-178, on Tuesday announced that New Hope will receive a \$72,000 Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund grant to help pay for repairs and upgrades to the Free Library of New Hope and Solebury. The grant, distributed through the Pennsylvania Department of Education,... - [*Levittown Intelligencer*](#)
- 01-14-2015 [**Centennial's Miller honored for school advocacy efforts**](#)
 With 4,500 school board members representing Pennsylvania's 500 districts, differentiating the individuals who work for free to improve education is no easy task. That's what the Timothy A. Allwein Advocacy Award, which recognizes outstanding leadership in legislative advocacy efforts on behalf of public... - [*Levittown Intelligencer*](#)
- 01-14-2015 [**Three projections support redistricting plan**](#)
 By CHRIS STANLEY A recent guest opinion column by Matt Wiltier questioned some of the enrollment numbers and methods used to formulate school consolidation plans currently under consideration in the Neshaminy School District. Though a project of this magnitude is bound to generate controversy, we firmly... - [*Levittown Bucks County Courier Times*](#)
- 01-14-2015 [**OP-ED: Speaking up for parents and vulnerable students in York City**](#)
 In two years since being appointed Chief Recovery Officer for the York City School District, David Meckley has produced nothing more than an ill-conceived privatization scheme to convert the 7,500-student school district into charter schools run by the for-profit company, Charter... - [*York Dispatch*](#)
- 01-14-2015 [**About 59,000 York County tax reductions remain unclaimed**](#)
 Upward of 59,000 York County property owners could be eligible for a tax reduction on their school property tax bills but don't realize it. Under the legislation that legalized slot machines in Pennsylvania, taxpayers can apply to have their properties approved as homesteads or... - [*York Dispatch*](#)
- 01-14-2015 [**Christiana set to unveil SchoolWATCH**](#)
 Nearly two years after he first raised the idea, state Rep. Jim Christiana on Wednesday will unveil the state Department of Education's new online searchable database to track spending by school districts and charter schools. “These transparency tools will allow people to get more involved and... - [*Beaver County Times*](#)
- 01-14-2015 [**New age learning: Bradford school district students take part in after-school learning**](#)

[programNew age learning: Bradford school district students take part in after-school learning program](#)

In one room, a group of students were getting help with their homework from high school tutors, while upstairs in the gymnasium children were running off some energy by playing a game. Later in the afternoon, Bradford Area School District students participating in the new 21st Century Learning After School Program sat... - [Bradford Era](#)

01-14-2015

[A tough, unpopular choice puts consolidation in motion](#)

It's hard not to compare Monday night's Butler schools consolidation vote to an amputation. It's difficult, even agonizing to conclude that the school board voted 6-3 to remove vital parts of the school system in order to save it. Officially, the board chose option 4B, which will close five of the... - [Butler Eagle](#)

01-14-2015

[Pennsylvania posting school administrator, teacher salaries to website](#)

The Pennsylvania Department of Education added fiscal data Wednesday morning to the state's School Performance Profile website, including salaries for school administrators and teachers across the state. "I believe this is a big step forward," said Rep. Jim Christiana,... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

01-14-2015

[New state website provides financial data on school districts, teacher salaries](#)

As of this morning, taxpayers in Pennsylvania will be able to go online to see how much money their school districts are spending and what salaries district professional employees are receiving. The information will be available as a new feature of the Pennsylvania... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

01-14-2015

[Online transparency tool sheds light on public school spending](#)

A website that served as a report card for Pennsylvania's public schools' academic performance now carries information that details their fiscal performance as well. At a Capitol news conference on Wednesday, Rep. Jim Christiana, R-Beaver, announced the launch of this online tool at www.paschoolperformance.org... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

01-14-2015

[Harrisburg school officials clamp down on David Botero, the city's community policing coordinator](#)

HARRISBURG – For the past year, David Botero, Harrisburg's community policing coordinator, has regularly visited the city's schools to work with students. He arranged his visits through school principals, and would pop in for lunch, offer anti-bullying presentations and establish pen-pal programs... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

01-14-2015

[State Rep. says more school funding is not the answer: PennLive letters](#)

Inadequate responsibility is causing school budget problems, not inadequate state funding. Most employers put an amount equal to about 5 percent of payroll into the employee 401(k) retirement plan. School districts have to pay about 25 percent to the PSERS pension plan. For every \$1 a school district pays an... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

01-14-2015

[Gov.-elect Wolf is right -- Pa. needs an Office of Charter and Cyber-Charter Schools: Maurice Flurie](#)

During last year's gubernatorial campaign, Gov.-elect Tom Wolf said charter schools in Pennsylvania should be held accountable to the students they teach, the families they support, and the taxpayers who fund them. I couldn't agree more. That is why I support Wolf's proposal to create an office of Charter and... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

01-13-2015

[Christiana to Provide Demonstration of Newly Launched SchoolWATCH Data](#)

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[Pension Reform the Right Way: Schwank Introduces Bill to Form Commission](#)

(Press Release)

- 01-13-2015 [**CF: Will Wolf Take up the Fight for York City Students?**](#)
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- 01-13-2015 [**Burns announces 2015 House Scholarship Program**](#)
(Press Release)
- 01-13-2015 [**'No Child' may be revised this year**](#)
By Renee Schoof / McClatchy Newspapers WASHINGTON — This is the year Congress looks likely to pass an overdue update of the federal K-12 education law, and everyone — from parents and students upset about testing, to teachers' unions and advocacy groups, to the U.S. Department of Education — is weighing in on what... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 01-13-2015 [**Butler Area board moves forward on plan to close schools**](#)
Overriding pleas from parents, Butler Area School Board members voted 6-3 Monday to pursue a plan to close five of the district's 11 elementary schools this fall. "This is an easy vote. I know I have to do what's right," said board member Don Pringle. John Conrad cast one of the dissenting votes.... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 01-13-2015 [**More grants awarded to improve technology at Armstrong senior centers**](#)
A second state grant of about \$25,000 in the past four months was awarded to bring the Internet and other technological improvements to Armstrong County's eight senior centers. Bradys Bend Community Senior Center will receive \$11,745 of the state Department of Aging grant to get wired with Internet and a touch-screen... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 01-13-2015 [**Pine-Richland educator admits to stealing \\$175K from teacher's union**](#)
Pine-Richland business education teacher Edward Maritz Jr. admits to stealing about \$175,000 from the teachers union but hasn't been charged with a crime yet, his attorney said Monday. "He turned himself in on his volition. This was a man who had reached the end of the rope in terms of dealing with it internally,"... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 01-13-2015 [**Obama administration touts continued federal school testing requirements**](#)
WASHINGTON — Foreshadowing what could be a contentious battle with Congress, Education Secretary Arne Duncan said Monday that rolling back federal testing requirements in math and reading would deprive students, parents and their schools of critical information needed to measure... - [*AP*](#)
- 01-13-2015 [**'Fair' funding's real meaning**](#)
In response to the letter "Fund schools to meet standards" by Kathy Manderino, Campaign for Fair Education Funding manager: When I read about "sustainable, predictable and long-term funding method" and "fair education funding" for underperforming school districts, what... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 01-13-2015 [**Cherry Hill educator inspires many generations**](#)
Around a sumptuous lunch table, the colonel and the dean chat with the professor and the salesperson. The politician takes a seat as our hostess, who's at the piano, makes an announcement. "I will play for you some cafe music," Jean N. Rances says, fingers cascading into "The Glory of Love."... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 01-13-2015 [**What Philly teachers want from the new governor**](#)
Tom Wolf takes over as governor next week, and he'll replace a man who presided over substantial budget cuts to state education from elementary schools all the way to colleges. The total amount of money for public education in Pennsylvania fell by \$1 billion during Tom Corbett's... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 01-13-2015 [**Obama administration doubling down on K-12 priorities, Duncan declares**](#)

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan is using a speech in Washington on Monday to assert that the Obama administration is not backing off on K-12 policies it has pushed for the past six years, even as Republicans in Congress are poised to release proposals to rewrite the Elementary and... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

01-13-2015

[Stiffed staffers may sue school district](#)

A GROUP OF former staffers of the shuttered Walter D. Palmer Leadership Learning Partners Charter School is "contemplating" a class-action lawsuit against the district, the group's leader said yesterday. The 18 former staffers say they are owed paychecks for all of December, as... - [Philadelphia Daily News](#)

01-13-2015

[York City School District looks to Gov.-elect Wolf to reverse state petition on receivership](#)

Soon after a judge cleared the way for the York City School district to appeal a state takeover and conversion to charter schools, a name was repeated by several people with an interest in the case: Tom Wolf. With a week until his inauguration, those with ties to the district are... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

01-13-2015

[What do area educators think of Obama's free community college idea?](#)

Educators in the midstate like President Obama's idea to make two years of community or technical college universally available to students, but have concerns about where the money would come from. The program, called "America's College Promise," would give students up to... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

01-13-2015

[Downtown Hershey development is seeking special tax deal for infrastructure work](#)

The Derry Township School Board was asked Monday night to consider a tax-increment financing program to help pay for public infrastructure improvements associated with the proposed downtown development in Hershey. The project is proposed to include redevelopment of the post office and... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

01-13-2015

[All-day kindergarten in Bethlehem Area School District would cost \\$900,000](#)

If the Bethlehem Area School Board agrees with the district's plan to expand full-day kindergarten to all children, it would have to find \$900,000 in the 2015-16 budget. At a committee meeting Monday, Superintendent Joseph Roy and Chief Academic Officer Jack Silva presented a plan to provide full-day kindergarten for... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)

01-13-2015

[Beth-Center superintendent charged with DUI](#)

The superintendent of Bethlehem-Center School District is scheduled to appear next month for a preliminary hearing on driving under the influence of alcohol and other charges filed last month by police in Allegheny County. Linda Marcolini, 55, of McDonald, who has been Beth-Center's... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)

01-13-2015

[Judge clears way for appeal of York schools takeover](#)

YORK, Pa. — A judge won't stop the York City School District from appealing his decision to authorize a state takeover and place it in receivership... - [AP](#)

01-13-2015

[Recent editorial on Pennsylvania's pensions left out some important facts](#)

Editor: The Citizens' Voice's recent editorial on Pennsylvania's pensions (Jan. 7) was a pretty good summary of most of the facts, but it left out a couple very important ones. Yes, the Legislature made some very bad pension decisions 15 or so years ago. The most shocking of all of them was their failure to contribute what... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)

01-13-2015

[Wilkes-Barre Area limits tax increase, appoints members to building tax force](#)

WILKES-BARRE — The Wilkes-Barre Area School Board voted Monday to limit a property tax increase next year to 2.7 percent and approved steps that could lead to borrowing more than \$140 million to fund building renovations. The vote on the tax rate for 2015-16 prevents the school district from... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)

- 01-13-2015 [**York City School Board remains in control as appeal goes to court**](#)
 The York City School Board's president said she was pleased with a Monday court ruling that allows the school district to appeal the appointment of a receiver and keeps the board's powers intact for now. "Until things are actually settled ... we move on. The board still will... - [York Daily](#)
- 01-13-2015 [**Washington Township transfer makes sense \(letter\)**](#)
 When the Northern Dillsburg High School moved from Dillsburg to Carroll Township, approximately half of Washington Township high school students attended Northern. Due to state consolidation of the 1950s, Washington Township school directors made a decision to join a district which would... - [York Daily](#)
- 01-13-2015 [**Hypocrisy on city schools \(letter\)**](#)
 Recently three state legislators from districts near York city wrote an extremely hypocritical op-ed article in the Daily Record about the Corbett administration's takeover of city schools and suggested it is intended to improve outcomes for the district's large concentration of children... - [York Daily](#)
- 01-13-2015 [**Editorial: Make sure school continues despite bad weather**](#)
 Yes, 2015 is shaping up to be a challenging winter indeed from a transportation standpoint. Yesterday's 32-degree freezing rain and sleet kept all but the most intrepid drivers off the road, pushed pedestrians off ice-rink-slick sidewalks onto treated streets and kept kids home from school.... - [Pocono Record](#)
- 01-13-2015 [**West Virginia Revisits Science Standards**](#)
 West Virginia joined 25 other states several years ago to help develop a set of standards for teaching science across the United States. Among other topics, the standards acknowledge the overwhelming scientific consensus that climate change is real and has been profoundly affected by human... - [New York Times](#)
- 01-13-2015 [**White House Still Backs Annual Testing in Schools**](#)
 With debates about the appropriate role for the federal government in public education increasingly polarized, the secretary of education, Arne Duncan, insisted on Monday that the administration would not back away from annual testing for students and performance evaluations of teachers based... - [New York Times](#)
- 01-13-2015 [**Education groups, leaders weigh in on Duncan's speech**](#)
 A range of interest groups and players are weighing in on U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan's speech Monday regarding the Obama administration's priorities as Congress rewrites the main federal education law known as No Child Left Behind. Here are some reactions from people with a stake in education policy:... - [Washington Post](#)
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 Beaty-Warren Middle School is once again a School to Watch. - [Warren Times Observer](#)
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 Matt Schaeffer, an FFA member from Oley Valley, wants to be a landscaper. Fellow member Vicki Behm plans to major in environmental >>>>Continue - [Reading Eagle](#)
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Editor: The headline in The Derrick on Dec. 29 was "Gap between rich, poor schools widens." The first paragraph in the article states, and I quote, "The gap between what wealthy districts and poor districts spend to educate children has widened dramatically in the four years since GOP Gov. Tom Corbett took... - [Oil City Derrick](#)

- 01-13-2015 [School districts discuss process behind late starts, closures](#)
Coming off a winter in which every school district in the county exhausted its allotment of snow days and then some, Delaware County superintendents are used to predawn meteorological chat sessions. "If I know we have the potential to be calling a two-hour delay or... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
- 01-13-2015 [How a local education center is growing new farmers: Preserving Pennsylvania](#)
This story is one in a series about farmland preservation in Pennsylvania during the last 25 years. One of the challenges facing the local agriculture industry is an increasing number of retiring farmers and young growers who can't afford to take their place.... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 01-13-2015 [Staffers at Defunct Phila. Charter School Appeal to School District for Back Pay](#)
shut down precipitously last month, are turning to the School District of Philadelphia in an effort to collect their final paychecks. A handful of Walter Palmer staffers — out of work since the charter abruptly closed its doors after losing a court fight with regulators over... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
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- 01-13-2015 [EDITORIAL: 'No appealsies' argument shot down in York schools case](#)
York County President Judge Stephen P. Linebaugh Monday put to rest one of the dumber arguments in the York City School District receivership case. The judge late last month granted the state's request for receivership of the troubled district, a move that transferred virtually all control from... - [York Dispatch](#)
- 01-13-2015 [Aliquippa schools awarded science grant from Verizon](#)
ALIQUIPPA -- The Verizon Foundation has awarded a \$20,000 grant to the Aliquippa School District that will help the district improve its elementary science curriculum. The money will help the district buy a Living with Science curriculum and train the elementary staff in its use, the district said in a news release.... - [Beaver County Times](#)
- 01-13-2015 [Forum on school funding slated for Thursday](#)
CHAMBERSBURG — Education Matters in the Cumberland Valley will host a public forum on state funding of schools at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chambersburg, 43 W. Washington St. Susan Spicka, of Shippensburg, co-founder the advocacy group, said the... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)
- 01-13-2015 [Propel Charter Schools taking part in national pilot program in dance, theater arts](#)
Students in Propel Charter Schools in McKeesport, Homestead and Pitcairn will be part of a national pilot to find ways to assess student learning in dance and theater arts. The National Coalition for Core Arts Standards today announced the CreativeArts Program at Propel was chosen to try out the Model Cornerstone... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-13-2015 [Embattled Chester Upland receiver gets adviser](#)
Francis Barnes, picked by state education officials to replace embattled Chester Upland School District receiver Joe Watkins, now has been hired to work with him, state officials announced Tuesday. Barnes is serving as an adviser to Watkins while "creating communications... - [Philadelphia](#)

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- 01-13-2015 **[One cool chart about literacy that explains why kids start reading on their own: The Chart That Explains It All](#)**
So here's a pretty cool piece of data to chew over -- along with lunch -- on this bright and sunny Tuesday: According to a new survey by venerable kids-book publishers Scholastic, when left to their own devices and allowed to read books of their own choosing during the school day, middle and high school students are also... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 01-13-2015 **[Want to save money, Gov.-elect Wolf? You can start by trimming prison costs: Angus Love and Ann Schwartzman](#)**
The great French novelist, Victor Hugo, once observed that "to open a school is to close a prison." Gov.- elect Tom Wolf's campaign promised to replace the funding cut in education by Gov. Tom Corbett. He should heed Hugo's words in his quest for more school funding and balancing a budget with a predicted \$2 billion... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 01-12-2015 **[Leg Reg Review #1 - 01/12/2015 Provided by Phillips Associates](#)**
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- 01-12-2015 **[PA Farm Bureau: Mobile Agriculture Education Science Lab Coming to PA Farm Show](#)**
(Press Release)
- 01-12-2015 **[PoliticsPA: Senate Democrats Announce Committee Ranking Members](#)**
(Press Release)
- 01-12-2015 **[Pittsburgh hopes to attract more diverse group of applicants for top teaching jobs](#)**
Pittsburgh Public Schools is urging more teachers to take on expanded leadership opportunities that could pay as much as \$11,300 extra a year, including efforts to attract a more diverse group of applicants. As one of the ways to recruit current city teachers to the positions, the... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-12-2015 **[Forbes names 9 top Pittsburgh-area leaders under 30](#)**
To Christopher Watts, the most exciting part about being named one of Forbes Magazine's "30 Under 30: The Sports World's Brightest Young Stars" is appearing alongside Evgeni Malkin. "I was so proud to be on the same list as Geno," he said, referring to the Pittsburgh Penguins player who was named on the list for his many... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-12-2015 **[Schools opening late due to weather](#)**
A number of suburban school districts across the Philadelphia area have delayed openings today, as rainy and icy weather conditions are causing problems for travelers on the roads and in the skies. A mix of freezing rain, rain and sleet began moving into the region... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-12-2015 **[Icy conditions delaying school across Pennsylvania](#)**
PHILADELPHIA — Cold weather and icy conditions are giving students in some Pennsylvania school districts extra time to sleep in... - [AP](#)
- 01-12-2015 **[Oversight would bolster charter system](#)**
During his campaign, Gov.-elect Tom Wolf said charter schools in Pennsylvania should be held accountable to the students they teach, the families they support and the taxpayers who fund them. I couldn't agree more. I support Mr. Wolf's proposal to create an office of charter and cyber... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 01-12-2015 **[Public school funding will be discussed at program](#)**
CHAMBERSBURG A Community Conversation about Public School Funding in Franklin County will be held Thursday, Jan. 15, at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, in First Evangelical Lutheran Church of

Chambersburg, 43 W. Washington St. Local school district leaders discuss how state funding issues are... - [Waynesboro Record Herald](#)

- 01-12-2015 [Rubber roofs will save the district money](#)
A decision the West York Area School District board of directors made in June 2014 appears to be one that will reap the district savings in constructing new roofs at Lincolnway and Trimmer elementary schools. Board directors voted to award TGW Corporation in Pine Grove the work at... - [York Daily](#)
- 01-12-2015 [VIDEO: Parents praise homeschool changes](#)
HB1013 was signed into law late last year by Gov. Tom Corbett, which initiated two major changes for homeschooling families. - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 01-12-2015 [Changes to homeschool law receives praise from parents, questions from public school officials](#)
Changes to Pennsylvania's homeschool law recently took effect, receiving praise from Fayette County parents, but also some criticism from local public school officials. - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 01-12-2015 [He was abused by a female teacher, but he was treated like the perpetrator](#)
Cameron Clarkson was a 16-year-old football player when he suddenly landed in the middle of a sex crime investigation at his St. Paul, Minn., high school. Lawyers grilled him on the details of his sexual history. School officials, in a statement to the press, cited him for not invoking the... - [Washington Post](#)
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- 01-12-2015 [Civil rights groups back standardized testing in No Child Left Behind rewrite](#)
A coalition of civil rights groups released a statement Sunday urging Congress to maintain one of the most controversial portions of the federal education law known as No Child Left Behind: the requirement that public schools administer annual standardized tests in math and reading.... - [Washington Post](#)
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- 01-12-2015 [If we stop telling kids what to read, they might start reading again](#)
As a treat for Hanukkah last month, Sandra Stotsky took her grandchildren to the New England Mobile Book Fair in Newton, Mass. They were wandering around aimlessly. The store in a suburb of Boston has 32,000 sq. ft. of books, but the kids had no favorite authors, nothing they'd been longing to... - [Washington Post](#)
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The Franklin County prosecutor says he will charge former Columbus school Superintendent Gene Harris today with dereliction of duty — a misdemeanor — in connection with the district's student-data scandal. Harris is expected to plead no contest to the charge in court on Wednesday.... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)

- 01-12-2015 [**Cheers to student musicians, preserving history and efforts to keep folks warm**](#)
 Cheers and jeers from the past week of news: Cheers to all those very-talented students who earned the opportunity to participate in the District 8 Band Festival over the weekend. This years festival, graciously hosted by Troy, welcomed 150 of the best high school... - [Towanda Daily Review](#)
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 Parents might have objected, and one could hardly blame them given the “yech” factor, of an unplanned school event a week ago. Still, it would have been a positive brainstorm of a kind for the western Pennsylvania school district to convert an “eee-yew” moment... - [Pocono Record](#)
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 Five members of the Stroudsburg School Board are hiding behind a cloak of silence in dumping longtime Superintendent John Toleno. Several of the five who voted Wednesday not to renew Toleno’s contract (Board President Richard Pierce, board Vice President Bruce... - [Pocono Record](#)
- 01-12-2015 [**Closing Clearview doesn't look clear-cut**](#)
 Closing Clearview Elementary School may not be the clear-cut option Stroudsburg School Board members previously envisioned. At least three options to close the school are not feasible when examined more closely, says the most recent report prepared by The... - [Pocono Record](#)
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 By Eric Boehm, PA Independent HARRISBURG >> Even after a fantastic year on the stock market, the pension fund for Pennsylvania’s public school employees is deep in the red. The Public School Employees Retirement System reported in December that it earned 14.91 percent for the past fiscal year, nearly doubling the... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 01-12-2015 [**Another View: Education is key to winning battles for the working class**](#)
 Last July, when 30 long-term African-American food service workers at Cheyney University found out that their employer had lost the contract with the University to another company, they had every reason to believe that their jobs would remain secure. After all, Cheyney University is the oldest African-American university in... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
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 Lloyd Smucker has a new job in the state Legislature. The Republican state senator will lead the high-profile Education Committee for the two-year legislative session that started last week. The West Lampeter Township lawmaker is taking over the position previously... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
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 School taxes in Bensalem might go up about \$63 for the next school year because of roughly \$9 million in budgeting errors this year. The Bensalem Township School District found itself about \$4.4 million short after the 2014-15 school year budget failed to account for about \$4.3... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)

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Three area communities will receive state grants totaling nearly \$330,000 to support capital improvement projects at their public libraries, according to state Sen. Elder Vogel, R-47, New Sewickley Township. Zelienople will receive \$18,430 to upgrade to energy-efficient lighting at... - [Beaver County Times](#)
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Xavier Koller and Alondra Torres, William Penn High 10th- and 11th-graders respectively, said they would consider attending two free years of community college if it were available to them, as a plan put forth by President Barack Obama on Thursday would provide.... - [York Dispatch](#)
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CHAMBERSBURG >> It is still undecided whether a Head Start teacher will face criminal charges stemming from allegations she shoved an autistic boy's head into a bathroom wall. Franklin County District Attorney Matthew D. Fogal said Friday he expects a determination would be made within the next few weeks.... - [Chambersburg Public Opinion](#)
- 01-12-2015 [State approves Wilson College charter changes on co-education](#)
CHAMBERSBURG >> Nearly five months after the first 21 men moved on campus, the Pennsylvania Department of Education approved changes to Wilson College's charter on Monday, officially making it a co-ed institution. A charter request was submitted to the department in May 2013 to allow both... - [Chambersburg Public Opinion](#)
- 01-12-2015 [Our View: Cheers & Jeers](#)
CHEERS: To the East Pennsboro school board. At Thursday night's meeting, it revised its policies so that James Mitchell's attempt to stay in the school district and be granted a tuition waiver was approved. The new policy allows Mitchell to graduate with his class, and officials... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)
- 01-12-2015 [U.S. education secretary says he backs annual testing](#)
WASHINGTON (AP) — Education Secretary Arne Duncan said today that testing U.S. schoolchildren annually in math and reading is critical for measuring their educational progress, setting the stage for what is likely to be a contentious Capitol Hill debate on the federal role in education..... - [AP](#)
- 01-12-2015 [MLK Tribute honorees include Philadelphia police commissioner](#)
The Inter-Denominational Ministers Conference of Greater Harrisburg's 38th MLK Tribute will be include a prayer breakfast on Jan. 17 and a worship service on Jan. 18. The breakfast will be held at the First Baptist Church of Steelton. Speaker will be the Rev. Edward M. Bailey of Bethel AME Church of Lancaster.... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 01-12-2015 [York City School District allowed to appeal receivership](#)
A York County judge on Monday gave the York City School District a boost in its fight against a state takeover and full conversion to charter schools. York County President Judge Stephen P. Linebaugh said the district is permitted to appeal his ruling last month that granted the state's petition... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

- 01-11-2015 [**Should Schools Teach Personality?**](#)
Self-control, curiosity, “grit” — these qualities may seem more personal than academic, but at some schools, they’re now part of the regular curriculum. Some researchers say personality could be even more important than intelligence when it comes to students’ success in... - [NY TIMES](#)
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New York’s schools are the most segregated in the nation, and the state needs remedies right away. That was the message delivered to the governor and the Legislature last week by the chancellor of the State Board of Regents. Minority children are disproportionately trapped in schools that... - [New York Times](#)
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When Jeanette Deutermann’s older son began third grade, he started crying and begging not to go to school. He developed stomachaches that a doctor said were stress-related. Deutermann, a stay-at-home mom in Nassau County, Long Island, was mystified. “In kindergarten, first, second... - [Washington Post](#)
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In 1971, two years after leaving the White House, Lyndon Johnson dedicated his sleek, windowless eight-story presidential library at the University of Texas. But in the pages of The Post, editorial cartoonist Herblock depicted Johnson as an Egyptian pharaoh opening “the Great Pyramid of... - [Washington Post](#)
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enate confirmation hearings put nominees on notice that, as a Michigan state legislator reportedly once said, “I’m watching everything you do with a fine-toothed comb.” Loretta Lynch, a talented lawyer and seasoned U.S. attorney, should be confirmed as attorney general. Her... - [Washington Post](#)
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The biggest knock on charter schools has always been that they fail to take their fair share of at-risk kids. This isn’t necessarily nefarious: Factors like more proactive parents also mean that better off kids are more likely to enter the lottery. Some charters, like Hola, a dual-language school in Hoboken, are truly... - [Trenton Times](#)
- 01-11-2015 [**Education strides require relationship building**](#)
As a Pittsburgh Public Schools teacher who moonlights as the sponsor of a large school newspaper, I was encouraged by the quality journalism on display in Chris Potter’s Sunday article “A+ Schools Looking to Strengthen Advocacy Role” (Jan. 4). Instead of glossing over the raging... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-11-2015 [**Butler Area board could vote on school building consolidation**](#)
A parents group is asking the Butler Area School District to postpone school building closings until the 2016-17 school year. “There is just not enough time to go over information that’s been presented. There are parents who are analyzing the information more than... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-11-2015 [**Wilderness school offers teachers, students unique opportunity**](#)
Jordan Hoover can’t believe it, really. He’s experienced something wonderful and is mystified by the thought that more people don’t know about it. How, he wonders, can something so good be so hidden in plain sight? It’s the American Wilderness Leadership School, or AWLS, run by Safari

Club... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

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[School with \\$160 annual budget sees kindness from strangers](#)

First came the calls. Then the reams of paper, more precious in a cash-strapped public school than gold. Finally, the checks arrived. Anna Lane Lingelbach Elementary, a public school in Germantown, began the academic year with a discretionary budget of \$160: 40 cents to spend on... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

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[6 reasons the math on Obama's college plan doesn't add up](#)

There are at least six reasons that community college won't be free anytime soon, no matter what President Barack Obama says. Obama, who traveled Friday to Pellissippi State Community College in Knoxville, Tenn., to tout the America's College Promise plan, said he... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

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[Doane Academy 'out to change the world' after \\$17M gift](#)

Doane Academy, a small prep school in Burlington City, was "in pretty tired shape" when John McGee interviewed for the headmaster's job 15 years ago. "Everyone felt tired and discouraged," he told a news conference Friday. Enrollment across all 13 grades was only about 100, the aged brick... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

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[Programs focusing on good behavior successful at area schools](#)

Gone are the days of students dragging their feet to the principal's office just to receive detention or a suspension. With positive-behavior initiatives in the Old Forge, Abington Heights and Riverside school districts, students now find themselves in the office for... - [Scranton Times](#)

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[Common Core pushes Lehigh Valley districts toward full-day kindergarten](#)

Remember kindergarten? The songs and stories, naps and snacks. They're still part of a 5-year-old's day, but so are reading, math and science. And school districts are finding that's too much to cram into a half day. Bethlehem Area may become the biggest district in the Lehigh Valley to... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)

01-11-2015

[Annual international dinner brings together school, community](#)

The 21st annual Wyoming Seminary International Dinner featured food from around the world — prepared and served by young people from around the world working together. More than 100 students from the International Club at Wyoming Seminary's Upper School spent all day Saturday cooking traditional fare... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)

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[Plethora of information available on area school district websites](#)

School districts provide plenty of information to the public on their websites. Some area districts use their websites to provide meeting minutes, budgets, policies, union contracts and staff lists with email addresses. Others do not. State laws require some state agencies to provide some types of information... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)

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[Hazleton Area, Scranton among state's highest-poverty districts](#)

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[Concussion issue hits Kutztown schools](#)

A move to strengthen its policy regarding students with concussions has become somewhat of a headache for the Kutztown School Board. An amendment to its already comprehensive policy on concussions has the potential for pitting a family's physician against the school's... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)

01-09-2015

[Senator Smucker Moves Up To Chair Education Committee](#)

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[Scarnati Announces Senate Standing Committee Chairs for 2015-2016](#)

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01-09-2015

[Montour superintendent resigns because of health problems](#)

Montour School District's superintendent is retiring because of health problems, school officials said. At a special meeting Thursday night, the school board voted 8-0 to accept Donald Boyer's retirement effective March 30. He will be on paid leave starting Friday. Boyer did not attend the meeting and could not be reached... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

01-09-2015

[Montour teacher accused of selling drugs from home rented from police chief](#)

A Montour High School special education teacher who rented a house from Robinson Police Chief Dale Vietmeier kept a coffee can outside stuffed with heroin packets that he used to dispense drugs to an informant, police said Thursday. Attorney General investigators arrested Charles Schaldenbrand, 44, who... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

01-09-2015

[Baldwin-Whitehall School District to post employee salaries online](#)

Salaries for Baldwin-Whitehall School District employees will go online for public inspection, as will contracts, bills and other documents the school board approves. The postings will begin next month, in an effort to bolster openness, one board member said. Board-approved documents would appear on the district's... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

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ISSUE | UTILITY SALE Gaseous reasoning The Philadelphia Gas Works sale wasn't scuttled over any of the lame excuses that City Council President Darrell L. Clarke and his cohorts on City Council have given ("Left in the dark by slam dunk on utility sale," Jan. 7). It was about Council being made irrelevant in the utility's... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

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[Following months-long fight, East Pennsboro School Board reverses decision, approves tuition waiver for senior](#)

ENOLA — In a complete reversal, the East Pennsboro Area School Board on Thursday night approved a tuition-waiver request it had denied for senior James Mitchell. The decision ended a months-long battle among the board and Mitchell and his mother, Monica Banks, who fought to ensure he could graduate with his... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

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[Pa. needs a fair school funding formula: PennLive letters](#)

Several statewide associations representing school boards, superintendents, business managers and intermediate units are collectively supporting the efforts of the Campaign for Fair Education Funding to change the way we fund our local school districts. In every school district in Cumberland County, school boards, business... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

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[AG: Pennsylvania special ed teacher sold heroin from home](#)

MCKEES ROCKS, Pa. — The state attorney general has charged a high school special education teacher with selling heroin from his western Pennsylvania home... - [AP](#)

01-09-2015

[Volunteers may need to obtain clearances at Trinity](#)

If parents want to volunteer at their children's Halloween party or the concession stand for a sporting event, will they have to obtain clearances first? That's the question Trinity School Board directors asked during Thursday's planning meeting as they discussed a new state child... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)

01-09-2015

[Osterhout Free Library to get state grant](#)

The Osterhout Free Library in Wilkes-Barre will receive a \$104,240 Keystone Fund Grant to upgrade its aging heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. State Sen. John Yudichak, D-Plymouth Township, announced the grant on Thursday in a news release. The Osterhout Free Library is located at 71 S. Franklin St. in... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)

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[Northampton Community College receives national community award](#)

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has named Northampton Community College for a 2015 Community Engagement Classification based on evaluation of an extensive self-study documenting the nature and extent of Northampton's engagement with the communities... - [Pocono Record](#)

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[Obama to propose free community college program](#)

WASHINGTON — The White House on Thursday announced a proposal that President Barack Obama said would make community college "free for everybody who is willing to work for it.".. - [AP](#)

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[Design and landscape students gear-up for 99th annual Pennsylvania Farm Show](#)

Towamencin >> Although sub-zero temperatures and frigid winds were gusting outside, spring was in the air in the North Montco Technical Career Center's floral design and landscaping lab Thursday morning as students prepared their entries for the 99th annual Pennsylvania Farm Show.... - [Lansdale Reporter](#)

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[Chester Upland partnerships with charter schools nixed](#)

MEDIA COURTHOUSE >> Chester Upland School District Receiver Joe Watkins said Thursday morning that his pursuit of public-private partnerships with the city's charter schools has been called off. The development was announced at a follow-up status hearing with district representatives and... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)

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[A 180 on schools' strict schedules](#)

As he attempted to elude police last fall after allegedly killing a state trooper and wounding another, Eric Matthew Frein also managed to disrupt business activity in the Poconos and the schedules of the Pocono Mountain and Wallenpaupack Area school districts.... - [Hazleton Standard-Speaker](#)

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[Pa. teacher's aide, 39, opts for trial on charges of having sex with student, 17](#)

A western Pennsylvania teacher's aide stands accused of giving some illegal special attention to a 17-year-old male student. Not only is the aide, Christina Domme, 39, accused of buying the senior at Valley High School in New Kensington \$300 worth of clothing as well as... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

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[Opinion: Epinephrine in every school will save children from severe allergic reactions](#)

By Wendy Antosiewicz Having a child diagnosed with food allergies is life-changing for the entire family. When Isabella was diagnosed with multiple food allergies, we had no idea what would lie ahead. We quickly learned the seriousness of her condition — Isabella has had more reactions than any of us can count. We've... - [Trenton Times](#)

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[Higher Learning Move to simplify federal student aid application form gains traction](#)

Donnaldo Escobedo knows that the key to his future lies in college and that the key to college lies in obtaining financial aid. That is why the Garfield High School senior will sit down with his parents in the next few days to tackle the often intimidating FAFSA — Free... - [Los Angeles Times](#)

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[Ready for the Farm Show](#)

MIFFLINBURG — Mifflinburg will again be well represented at the Farm Show. Competition and commercial exhibits at 99th edition of the nation's largest indoor agricultural expo start tomorrow at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg. Charles Kessler, who teaches in the Mifflinburg Agriculture Education... - [Milton Standard](#)

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[Former indoor group will use different name](#)

January 9, 2015 By LAKESHIA KNARR Ibauman@lockhaven.com MILL HALL — It's been about two months since the tumult between Keystone Central School District and the former "Central Mountain Band Boosters Inc. more »» - [Lock Haven Express](#)

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[Snow days not an easy decision for school officials](#)

DuBOIS — As of Tuesday evening, the DuBois Area School District still planned to be open Wednesday. The decision to cancel school because of the bitter cold is largely based on what the National Weather Service says. Even if it's a difference of a few degrees, some districts will remain... - [DuBois Courier-Express](#)

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[Your comments: What's wrong/right with giving a Bible to a public school student?](#)

Was Phillipsburg substitute teacher Walter Tutka on solid First Amendment ground when he quoted a Bible verse to a middle school student ("So the last will be first ...") -- and then gave the boy a copy of the New Testament after the boy inquired about the source?... - [Easton Express-Times](#)

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[Column: Citizens invited to local forum on school funding](#)

By Susan Spicka On Thursday, Jan. 15, Franklin County residents are invited to attend a forum about public school funding at 6:30 p.m. at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chambersburg, 43 W. Washington St. Superintendents from the Chambersburg, Fannett-Metal, Greencastle-Antrim, Shippensburg and... - [Chambersburg Public Opinion](#)

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[Department of Education approves Wilson College charter changes on coeducation](#)

CHAMBERSBURG >> The Pennsylvania Department of Education has approved changes to the charter of Wilson College that reflect the college's shift to coeducation in the undergraduate residential program. The charter, submitted to the department in May 2013, also included... - [Chambersburg Public Opinion](#)

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[Local school district leaders to participate in forum on school funding Thursday](#)

CHAMBERSBURG >> The leaders of Franklin County school districts will come together Thursday to discuss the challenges of funding education. Education Matters in the Cumberland Valley and Education Voters of Pennsylvania will host the panel discussion at 6:30 p.m. at First... - [Chambersburg Public Opinion](#)

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University of Pittsburgh Chancellor Patrick Gallagher made a high-level appointment Wednesday, elevating Kathy Humphrey, a campus vice provost, to senior vice chancellor for engagement and chief of staff, effective immediately. Ms. Humphrey served nine years as vice provost and dean of students. In her... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
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They've launched companies, developed groundbreaking software, assembled multi-million dollar investment pools and even developed a new class of carbon-based compounds. And none of them have celebrated a 30th birthday. Welcome to Western Pennsylvania's entries on Forbes magazine's new "30... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
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President Obama has proposed a plan that would allow qualified students to attend community college for free for two years. Students would have to attend at least part time and maintain at least a 2.5 GPA. The state and federal governments would pick up the tab. The... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
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The namesake foundation of late Pittsburgh industrialist Henry E. Haller Jr. will contribute \$5 million to endow a chair for the dean of the Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business and College of Business Administration at the University of Pittsburgh, school officials announced Wednesday.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-15-2015 [**Pitt chancellor picks new chief of staff**](#)
University of Pittsburgh Chancellor Patrick Gallagher has tabbed Pitt Vice Provost and Dean of Students Kathy Humphrey to be his chief of staff and senior vice chancellor for engagement. Gallagher, who took the helm at Pitt in August, said Humphrey has been a... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-15-2015 [**Judge to allow testimony from former Penn State lawyer in Sandusky case**](#)
Three former Penn State administrators charged with concealing reports about convicted child molester Jerry Sandusky and then lying to a grand jury lost Wednesday their long-stalled bid to block former Penn State general counsel Cynthia Baldwin's grand jury testimony.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-15-2015 [**To fix higher education, make it more practical**](#)
A Stockton College project that studied the state's public higher education system for more than a year concluded that colleges should add more practical skills. Recommendations from the Higher Education Strategic Information and Governance project include expanding dual enrollment programs for high... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
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Actress Rosario Dawson will be in town on Jan. 20 to headline the University of Pennsylvania's MLK lecture series. Joining Dawson are her partners in Studio One Eighty-Nine, Tiffany Persons and Abrima Erwiah. Studio One Eighty Nine is a collective of artists seeking to promote... - [Philadelphia Daily News](#)
- 01-15-2015 [**Judge's ruling in Penn State cover-up case brings final chapter of Jerry Sandusky scandal into view**](#)
Three former Penn State administrators suffered a big defeat Wednesday in their fight to free themselves of charges that they lied about their early knowledge of and responses to allegations of child sexual abuse by Jerry Sandusky. In a detailed, 53-page opinion and order, Dauphin County Judge Todd Hoover... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
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Here's a quick overview of the key findings in Judge Todd Hoover's decision in the alleged Jerry Sandusky cover-up case: * Cynthia Baldwin represented the former Penn State administrators in their capacity as agents of the university, consulting university business, in... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

- 01-15-2015 [**Judge rules Sandusky cover-up case against Graham Spanier and his aides can proceed**](#)
Dauphin County Judge Todd Hoover has issued a lengthy opinion that appears to move former Penn State President Graham Spanier closer to a criminal trial. In his ruling, Hoover denies defense arguments that would have barred most testimony from a key prosecution witness, former Penn State counsel Cynthia... - [*Harrisburg Patriot-News*](#)
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Graham Spanier's lead defense attorney knows this much about Dauphin County Judge Todd Hoover's rejection of Spanier's appeal against criminal cover-up charges based on attorney/client violations. Elizabeth Ainslie told PennLive, "We respectfully disagree with Judge... - [*Harrisburg Patriot-News*](#)
- 01-15-2015 [**Attorney General Kathleen Kane's office issues statement on Spanier ruling**](#)
Here's the prosecutors' first take on Dauphin County Judge Todd Hoover's decision in the Jerry Sandusky cover-up case, as communicated through Attorney General Kathleen Kane's spokesman Aaron Sadler. He writes: "We are currently reviewing the order, but it appears that this decision is... - [*Harrisburg Patriot-News*](#)
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Ex-Penn State President Graham Spanier and two aides had proper legal counsel from a university lawyer when they testified before a grand jury investigating Jerry Sandusky, a judge ruled Wednesday rejecting the men's efforts to have their charges dismissed. Judge Todd A. Hoover's decision resolves questions about the fundamental... - [*Allentown Morning Call*](#)
- 01-15-2015 [**Dauphin judge rejects Spanier, Schultz, Curley requests, OKs Cynthia Baldwin's role**](#)
Dauphin County Judge Todd Hoover entered an order Wednesday denying "numerous motions" filed by former Penn State administrators Graham Spanier, Tim Curley and Gary Schultz. The three face felony charges of perjury, endangering the welfare of children and conspiracy, plus misdemeanor counts of obstruction of justice... - [*State College Centre Daily Times*](#)
- 01-15-2015 [**State Rep. John Yudichak renews quest for reform of Penn State trustees**](#)
The board of trustees will gather at The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel on Thursday for committee meetings for the first time in 2015. The agenda includes things like looking at guidelines to select faculty, student and at-large trustees under board governance reform passed in... - [*State College Centre Daily Times*](#)
- 01-15-2015 [**Most calls to Sen. Corman's office oppose NCAA settlement**](#)
According to press secretary Jennifer Kocher, state Sen. Majority Leader Jake Corman's office has received about 50 calls from constituents in reference to proposed "settlement offers" with the NCAA in Corman and state Treasurer Rob McCord's lawsuit over enforcement of the... - [*State College Centre Daily Times*](#)
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In the abstract, President Obama's proposal for making community college tuition-free seems a reasonable response to a troublesome fact: The American work force is less educated than it needs to be at a time when most jobs in the new economy will require some college education. But for... - [*New York Times*](#)
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CHARLOTTESVILLE — The Phi Kappa Psi brothers sat together in a bedroom, turning the glossy magazine pages as they absorbed the account of a gang rape that allegedly took place within the brick walls around them. The University of Virginia students read the Rolling Stone article that... - [NY](#)

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"More than 1,800 students die every year of alcohol-related causes." — article from the Chronicle of Higher Education that appeared in the New York Times under the headline "Why Colleges Haven't Stopped Binge Drinking," Dec. 15, 2014 "Legislators did not hear about the 1,800 college students who died... - [Washington Post](#)
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In George Orwell's dystopian classic "Nineteen Eighty-Four," the Ministry of Truth's job is to constantly update and rewrite history to match the propaganda issued by the ruling authoritarian government. People were made to disappear. Facts were changed. History itself was... - [York Daily](#)
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A Pennsylvania judge ruled Wednesday that the rights of three former Penn State administrators were not violated by the actions of the university's top lawyer during grand jury matters before they were charged with covering up child sex-abuse complaints about Jerry Sandusky... - [AP](#)
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It's looking more and more like Penn State's football program is going to "get back" the 111 victories under head coach Joe Paterno that were vaporized by the NCAA death ray in 2012, forfeited as part of the Jerry Sandusky sanctions. They never went away, really. You can't erase history, especially the kind... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
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Gannon University has scheduled a series of events for students and the public in commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The university will host an Erie Chamber Orchestra concert at Cathedral Preparatory School, 250 W. 10th St., at 7:30 p.m. Friday. A prayer service is scheduled for Monday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Mary,... - [Erie Times-News](#)
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Tuesday's inaugural College Football Playoff championship game highlighted what is great about the sport, yet added to the exploitation of student-athletes. The game became a national event featuring a large in-stadium crowd, a huge television audience and social media bonanza.... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
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A trio of former top Penn State administrators have moved one step closer to trial, and it seems likely that former university attorney Cynthia Baldwin will be a key witness. Former Penn State President Graham Spanier, former Athletic Director Tim Curley and retired Senior Vice President for Finance George Schultz face... - [State College News](#)
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Members of the Penn State Board of Trustees have their work cut out for them this week: a long-time trustee's career will come to a close, litigation with the NCAA continues to divide board members, and the question of access to Freeh Report documents remains unresolved.... - [State College News](#)
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 Lehigh Carbon Community College students may see two campuses relocate in the near future. College officials are looking to possibly relocate both the Donley campus in Allentown and the Carbon campus, which moved into the west wing of the Jim Thorpe Area High School in January 2014.... - [*Lehighon Times News*](#)
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 Aspiring to train the region's next crop of innovators and business leaders, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown administrators on Wednesday announced more details about a new division and seven new degree programs. Over the next year, administrators and faculty will be developing new... - [*Johnstown Tribune-Democrat*](#)
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 The University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown is sharpening and enlarging its business program to make sure its student entrepreneurs succeed. The university is launching its new Division of Business and Enterprise, an initiative many years in the making and one that will elevate the quality,... - [*Johnstown Tribune-Democrat*](#)
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 The Newtown Township supervisors Wednesday night unanimously granted final land development approval for a \$25 million addition to Founder's Hall at Bucks County Community College on Swamp Road. The two-story, 19,000 square-foot addition will house 10 laboratories... - [*Levittown Bucks County Courier Times*](#)
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 When students from the University of the Sciences returned to their campus for the spring semester earlier this week, they found their school with a change of leadership. President Helen Giles-Gee announced she was stepping down from her post at the helm of the private university located just southwest of Penn's... - [*Daily Pennsylvanian*](#)
- 01-15-2015 [**The Koch Foundation funds a lecture series at Penn**](#)
 Of the legion of Penn benefactors and gift givers, no two may be more infamous than David and Charles Koch. The industrialist siblings contributed more than \$12.7 million to 163 colleges and universities in 2012. According to the Koch Family Foundations website, Penn is one of those recipient schools, having received a one-time... - [*Daily Pennsylvanian*](#)
- 01-15-2015 [**Spanier, Schultz and Curley have requests denied in criminal case**](#)
 A judge has denied numerous motions filed by former university administrators Graham Spanier, Tim Curley and Gary Schultz in the criminal case stemming from the Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse case, according to court documents. The three men claimed they were denied the right to counsel and the right... - [*Penn State Daily Collegian*](#)
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 This week's Penn State Board of Trustees' meetings may be a little more crowded. Penn State Police

have announced additional security for the board's meetings scheduled for Thursday and Friday, Penn State spokeswoman Lisa Powers confirmed via email. The additional security is the result of "several threats" received... - [Penn State Daily Collegian](#)

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[New year, new school for transfer and change-of-campus students](#)

Though it is the second semester of the 2014-15 academic year, it is the first semester at University Park for hundreds of change-of-campus and transfer students. Since Jan. 10, "Welcome Week" has provided a number of opportunities for all students to become involved in campus activities and... - [Penn State Daily Collegian](#)

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[Council OKs deal for PSU Altoona project](#)

City Council on Wednesday approved an agreement that will help Penn State Altoona bolster its downtown campus with additional classrooms, labs and offices in the building that houses the Heritage Discovery Center. - [Altoona Mirror](#)

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A Showdown Is Expected Between Penn State Trustees Over a Legal Challenge to the Penalties the NCAA Imposed on the School. Something unprecedented will take place this week at the NCAA's annual meeting near Washington, D.C.: The NCAA's five richest conferences are... - [The Wall Street Journal](#)

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[UPUA Representative Wants To Put 409 Clocks On Campus](#)

The typical University Park Undergraduate Association meeting opens up by flying through roll call, the adoption of the agenda, and the adoption of the previous meeting's minutes. On Wednesday night, the first few agenda items were far from the norm as former Internal Development Chair... - [ONWARD STATE](#)

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[Penn State committee approves PinnacleHealth-Hershey Med union](#)

A committee of Penn State trustees on Thursday gave its blessing to the plan to bring together PinnacleHealth System and Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. The committee on finance, business and capital recommended that the full Penn State board approve the plan. The board is expected to consider the... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

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[Penn State committee recommends approval of Hershey-Pinnacle merger](#)

Penn State Trustees' Finance Committee recommended approval Thursday of the proposed merger between the university's health care division, Penn State Health, and Harrisburg-based PinnacleHealth System. The committee's action followed a thorough review of the merger's mutual... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

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[Dual enrollment is the key to help Cheyney and Lincoln Universities: Andrew Dinniman and Valerie I. Harrison](#)

As we remember the invaluable contributions of Martin Luther King, Jr. and so many other Civil Rights trailblazers this month, let's not overlook the pivotal role of education in the path to equality. Recently, an Associated Press story revealed that the gap between wealthy... - [Harrisburg](#)

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Penn State football has always been a valuable asset to the university and Penn State athletics, and according to the Wall Street Journal that value is worth just over a half billion dollars. According to Ryan Brewer, an assistant professor of finance at Indiana... - [STATE COLLEGE NEWS](#)
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The NCAA received another serious blow to its credibility today. In court documents filed Thursday in the Paterno lawsuit, Oregon State President and then-NCAA Executive Committee Chairman Ed Ray admitted to not actually reading the Freeh Report — the entire basis for the NCAA... - [STATE COLLEGE NEWS](#)
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An inaugural report comparing the status of the region's different racial groups in 2007 found wide disparities and emphasized the across-the-board disadvantages faced, in particular, by the local African-American population. A followup released Tuesday by the University of Pittsburgh's Center on... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
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Seven years after a landmark report from the University of Pittsburgh found wide disparities between black and white people in the Pittsburgh area, a report released Tuesday shows the racial divide persists. "There has been very little change in the quality of life among those... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
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HARRISBURG — A federal judge Tuesday declined to throw out a state law that requires the \$60 million fine Penn State has been paying over the Jerry Sandusky child molestation scandal be spent to address child abuse within the state... - [*AP*](#)
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Around a sumptuous lunch table, the colonel and the dean chat with the professor and the salesperson. The politician takes a seat as our hostess, who's at the piano, makes an announcement. "I will play for you some cafe music," Jean N. Rances says, fingers cascading into "The Glory of Love."... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
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Americans who go to college earn more money and are more likely to be employed than those who don't. These cold facts underlie President Obama's promising plan to offer a community college education at no cost to students. Employers today are requiring more education even for entry-level... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
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A possible settlement among the NCAA, Pennsylvania State University, and state officials might

restore more than 100 wins to Joe Paterno's record, but won't satisfy critics who say the league and university must admit mistakes in their handling of the Jerry Sandusky child sex-abuse case and... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

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If there is to be an out-of-court settlement that returns Penn State's vacated Joe Paterno-era football wins to the record books, it will be hailed as a great win for the Nittany Lions football program and its fans. But what about that other party to the much-maligned consent decree: the... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

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[Federal judge denies NCAA injunction, Endowment Act passes muster](#)

The NCAA, in its last effort to have the Endowment Act declared unconstitutional, has suffered a blow in federal court. Judge Yvette Kane, of U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, denied the NCAA's request for an injunction barring enforcement of the Endowment

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[SAT not effective means to evaluate how a student may do in college](#)

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The University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown is sharpening and enlarging its business program to make

sure its student entrepreneurs succeed. The university is launching its new Division of Business and Enterprise, an initiative many years in the making and one that will elevate the quality,... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)

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The controversial NCAA sanctions against Penn State, at long last, could soon be eliminated entirely. According to a Philadelphia Inquirer report, which sources people familiar with the discussions, the NCAA, state officials, and Penn State are in discussions for a possible plea bargain of... - [ONWARD STATE](#)
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State Senator Jake Corman's case with the NCAA received some breathing room Tuesday from Federal Court. U.S. Middle Court Judge Yvette Kane ruled against the NCAA's argument that the Endowment Act, which challenges the consent decree signed by Penn State, violated the U.S. Constitution. Kane refused to throw out the state... - [ONWARD STATE](#)
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Settlement talks between the NCAA and plaintiffs in a lawsuit challenging the validity of the association's consent decree with Penn State have been on hold for several weeks, but may get a kick-start after a federal court ruling Tuesday. A Feb. 17 trial date looms for a lawsuit brought by Pennsylvania State Sen.... - [UsA tODAY](#)
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At the end of the day, this is a story about priorities. It has been since that day in November 2011, when Jerry Sandusky finally was exposed as more monster than man. It has been since the public's discerning eye started glaring even more at Penn State than it did the man... - [Scranton Times](#)
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More than 200 women from Pittsburgh-area colleges are turning to a controversial solution for avoiding student loans: Going online to land a so-called "Sugar Daddy." SeekingArrangement.com, which touts itself as the world's largest Sugar Daddy dating site, reported Monday a recent surge in student sign-ups.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

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Officials at Point Park University plan to dismantle facades of three historic buildings they will demolish on Forbes Avenue and incorporate them into the school's \$74 million Pittsburgh Playhouse complex, despite opposition from two historic-preservation groups.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
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Education Management Corp. took the first step toward closing a Brown Mackie college in Kentucky, as the troubled operator of for-profit colleges battles declining enrollment. The Northern Kentucky campus, several miles south of Cincinnati, stopped accepting new students Friday, according to a Jan. 9 email sent to students... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
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Friends and family will remember Edward R. "Eddie" Elgonitis Sr., a longtime Wilkes University employee and superfan of Wilkes athletic teams, at funeral services this morning. The services start at 9:30 a.m. today at the Wilkes-Barre Heights location of John V. Morris Family Funeral Homes Inc., 281 E. Northampton St. A... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)

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[2 Penn State trustees say NCAA settlement may be in works](#)

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Two alumni-elected trustees said Monday they have learned Penn State has proposed new settlement terms with the NCAA in a lawsuit related to the university's handling of the Jerry Sandusky child molestation scandal, and they want the board chairman to tell them the... - [AP](#)

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[Gov. Tom Corbett gives Lebanon Valley College a \\$1.6 million parting gift](#)

It's no presidential library but Gov. Tom Corbett to get his name on his college alma mater's proposed admission center. As a parting gift to Lebanon Valley College, the outgoing governor announced on Tuesday the award of a \$1.6 million grant to help fund the... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

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"Privacy is an illusion," Briana, 16, wrote next to her drawing of a whirlpool sucking in a strand of DNA and a lock with an ominous eye on it. Hers is one of the more jarring of 175 depictions posted online in Privacy Illustrated, a project of Carnegie Mellon University computing and... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
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LESS THAN TWO WEEKS after Christmas, Santa Claus is back - this time wearing a Barack Obama mask, pulling the gift of "free tuition" out of his sack. The idea came out of leftfield, following his bold moves on illegal immigration, climate control with China and opening a door to Cuba.... - [*Philadelphia Daily News*](#)
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THERE'S LITTLE not to like in President Obama's idea to provide free tuition for community-college students, which he announced last week. The idea, which would require Congressional approval, would provide a free two-year tuition ride for students meeting certain criteria, including... - [*Philadelphia Daily News*](#)
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BRYN MAWR The dental hygiene program at Harcum College announced it will offer free oral examinations, sealants, fluoride treatments, and health-care instructions for children ages 6 to 16 at its annual Sealant Day next Monday. The event coincides with the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service and is... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
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New Jersey Realtors, a nonprofit professional organization, has installed Eugenia K. Bonilla as president. Bonilla is a broker-sales associate with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Fox & Roach in Mount Laurel. She also serves as vice president of the New Jersey Real Estate Commission.... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 01-12-2015 [**Obama seeks laws on data hacking, student privacy**](#)
WASHINGTON (AP) - President Barack Obama wants Congress to pass legislation requiring companies to inform customers within 30 days if their data has been hacked, a move that follows high-profile breaches at retailers including Target, Home Depot and Neiman Marcus... - [*AP*](#)
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You may have heard the old saw, "great ideas sell themselves." After all, look at Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak working in the family garage, funding their fledgling company by selling a used Volkswagen bus and a scientific calculator. That story is legendary, but unfortunately... - [*State College Centre Daily Times*](#)

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 A lengthy report prepared by the University of Pittsburgh on damage caused by underground mine subsidence could be an important document if it leads to better ways to mitigate damage and its recommendations are taken to heart. Prepared for the state Department of Environmental Protection, the report... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 01-12-2015 [**Dining with Diabetes classes planned**](#)
 January 11, 2015 Penn State Extension will hold two Dining with Diabetes programs this winter in Towanda beginning on Jan. 22 and in Troy on Feb. 24. The program is for adults with Type 2 diabetes or prediabetes. more »» - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
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 LOCK HAVEN - Dr. Gayatri Devi, assistant professor of English at Lock Haven University, recently received a \$15,000 grant from the Center for Rural Pennsylvania (CRP) to study the barriers to the delivery of domestic violence services in rural counties of the state.... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 01-12-2015 [**Penn College North Campus outreach practical nursing graduation held**](#)
 Ten students graduated from the Pennsylvania College of Technology North Campus outreach practical nursing program on Dec. 18. - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 01-12-2015 [**Obama to Call for Laws Covering Data Hacking and Student Privacy**](#)
 WASHINGTON — President Obama on Monday will call for federal legislation intended to force American companies to be more forthcoming when credit card data and other consumer information are lost in an online breach like the kind that hit Sony, Target and Home Depot last year, White... - [New York Times](#)
- 01-12-2015 [**Split Wide From N.F.L., the College Game Is No Minor League**](#)
 DALLAS — On Monday evening, Oregon will face Ohio State in the first College Football Playoff championship game. The Ducks, with their high-octane spread offense, annihilated Florida State in one semifinal. In the other, the Buckeyes, behind a quarterback making... - [New York Times](#)
- 01-12-2015 [**Silicon Valley Turns Its Eye to Education**](#)
 The education technology business is chock-full of fledgling companies whose innovative ideas have not yet proved effective — or profitable. But that is not slowing investors, who are pouring money into ventures as diverse as free classroom-management apps for teachers and foreign language... - [New York Times](#)
- 01-12-2015 [**President Obama's community college proposal doesn't make the grade**](#)
 "TODAY I'M announcing an ambitious new plan to bring down the cost of community college tuition in this country," President Obama said in Tennessee on Friday. "I want to bring it down to zero. I want to make it free." Ambitious, yes. Wise, no. In the effort to address income inequality and promote American... - [Washington Post](#)
- 01-12-2015 [**National championship by the odds: Vegas preview of Oregon vs. Ohio State**](#)
 NBA superstar LeBron James shares more Las Vegas peers than his sponsorship boss, Nike mogul Phil Knight, when it comes to tonight's college football national championship game. While James' beloved Ohio State and Knight's alma mater Oregon have drawn close to even amount of bets over the past week and a half in sports... - [Las Vegas Sun](#)
- 01-12-2015 [**Penn State-Altoona to expand athletic facility as enrollment grows**](#)
 ALTOONA, Pa. (AP) — The Penn State-Altoona campus is planning to expand its Adler Athletic Complex to accommodate growing numbers of students at the satellite campus about 90 miles east of Pittsburgh... - [AP](#)

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At Alvernia University, you can't earn a degree without volunteering for some kind of community service. According to school officials, >>>>Continue - [Reading Eagle](#)
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President Barack Obama is proposing two years of free community college for anybody who's willing to work for it. The White House said that details on the cost and funding would come in the State of the Union address on Jan. 20 and the president's budget request Feb. 2.... - [Somerset Daily](#)
- 01-12-2015 [**Community college promoters praise Obama plan**](#)
SUNBURY — An organizer with the Susquehanna Valley Education Project on Friday called President Barack Obama's proposal to publicly fund the first two years of community college for all Americans a landmark statement, the educational equivalent of Obamacare.... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 01-12-2015 [**Shale gas complexities topic of BILL talk**](#)
LEWISBURG — Complexities associated with drilling for natural gas from the Marcellus Shale and other rock formations should make for compelling talk this week. Carl S. Kirby, Ph.D and professor of geology at Bucknell University plans to put the topic of extraction of gas using horizontal drilling and... - [Milton Standard](#)
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January 12, 2015 MIFFLINTOWN - Learning successful negotiation strategies can be invaluable in interactions with vendors, employees and business associates. more »» - [Lewistown Sentinel](#)
- 01-12-2015 [**Technical degree set me on the path to a great career**](#)
I am very thankful to Mr. David Meanor, one of my teachers at Central York High School, for his help in guiding me toward a successful career. He was one of many people in my life who saw potential in me and gave me that extra push to try something entirely different and out of the box as my... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 01-12-2015 [**Higher education, despite costs, is more important than ever**](#)
The Issue In today's Perspective, we offer op-eds from four people on the value of pursuing higher education. Whether college is worth it is a question that's been asked increasingly as college costs have risen. According to the College Board, the inflation-adjusted average published price for... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 01-12-2015 [**College events look at post-Ferguson race, justice questions**](#)
Events at two local colleges will explore the ongoing national debate about race and justice sparked by last year's incidents in Ferguson, Missouri, Staten Island, New York, and elsewhere. Franklin & Marshall College will host Georgetown University history professor Marcia Chatelain for a speech on Thursday, part of the college's... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 01-12-2015 [**Free college could cost billions**](#)
President Obama wants to make two years of community college free or nearly so for everyone who, in the president's words, "is willing to work for it." White House advisers said the initiative, modeled after programs in Chicago and Tennessee, could benefit as many as 9 million... - [Levittown Intelligencer](#)
- 01-12-2015 [**York-area parents, students, officials weigh in on Obama's proposal for free community college**](#)
Xavier Koller and Alondra Torres, William Penn High 10th- and 11th-graders respectively, said they would consider attending two free years of community college if it were available to them, as a plan put forth by President Barack Obama on Thursday would provide.... - [York Dispatch](#)
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January 12, 2015 Penn State Altoona is planning a \$19 million expansion and renovation of the Adler Athletic Complex to accommodate an increased number of students at the campus and to allow for bigger events. more »» - [Altoona Mirror](#)

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[Penn State files response to Paterno, Kenney's severance pay allegations](#)

Penn State filed a response to former assistant football coaches Jay Paterno and Bill Kenney on Wednesday, claiming the two received their entire severance payment and had not been defamed when the university let them go, according to court documents. Paterno and Kenney initially filed a lawsuit against Penn State this past... - [Penn State Daily Collegian](#)

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[Barron announces \\$30 million investment toward entrepreneurship, economic development](#)

Penn State President Eric Barron started off the new semester with good news for inspiring innovators and entrepreneurs at Penn State. In an op-ed released Thursday via Penn State News, Barron announced the university will be investing \$30 million into economic development and... - [Penn State Daily Collegian](#)

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[Karen Peetz to resign from Penn State Board of Trustees](#)

Penn State Board of Trustees member Karen Peetz announced her intent to resign on Friday, cutting short an eventful, nearly-five-year-long tenure. She was a member of the board in November 2011, when it fired late football coach Joe Paterno and former president Graham Spanier in the wake of the... - [Penn State Daily Collegian](#)

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[Documents disputed in Corman v. NCAA admittedly not privileged](#)

The NCAA admitted that 13 of 163 documents, disputed in the lawsuit brought by state Sen. Jake Corman and Treasurer Rob McCord against the NCAA, are not privileged, according to court documents. "Upon further review in preparing materials for the court, and in the... - [Penn State Daily Collegian](#)

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[State approves Wilson College charter changes on co-education](#)

CHAMBERSBURG >> Nearly five months after the first 21 men moved on campus, the Pennsylvania Department of Education approved changes to Wilson College's charter on Monday, officially making it a co-ed institution. A charter request was submitted to the department in May 2013 to allow both... - [Chambersburg Public Opinion](#)

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[Peetz to Resign from Penn State Board of Trustees](#)

Karen Peetz, who served as chair of the Penn State Board of Trustees in the wake of the Jerry Sandusky, has now decided to leave the board altogether. Penn State announced Peetz' departure in a news release issued Friday night. Peetz, who has served on the board since 2010, plans to step down on... - [State College News](#)

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[Local Businesses Prepare For Returning Penn State Students](#)

There are some cycles in nature that can't be escaped, only prepared for. The change in the seasons is one. The return of Penn State students at the beginning of a new semester is another, rushing into State College like a high tide of economic power. John Lindo – owner of the Student Book Store downtown – is... - [State College News](#)

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[Penn State Employees, Students Have Resources to Help Resolutions Stick](#)

It's that time of year again when people vow to turn over a new leaf and shed old bad habits — and sometimes some pounds. We call these pseudo-promises New Year's resolutions, and many focus on embracing new routines to improve their health and well-being. The good news is that resources abound in the Penn State community to help... - [State College News](#)

- 01-12-2015 [**Shippensburg University's presidential search nearing end**](#)
The search for a president for the Shippensburg University is nearing a conclusion. The State System of Higher Education's governing board will meet on Tuesday to interview the two finalists recommended by the university's trustees. The finalists are interim President George F. "Jody" Harpster, who has been... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 01-12-2015 [**Leaders of Penn State's alumni-elected trustees seek information on settlement talks in NCAA sanction suits**](#)
Two leaders of Penn State's alumni-elected trustee bloc have fired a warning shot to trustee leaders over talks aimed at settling two ongoing suits over the validity of the NCAA sanctions on Penn State and its football program. Members Anthony Lubrano and Al Lord are demanding that all board members be... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
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Filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid correctly is critically important to ensuring eligible students receive the financial help they need to pay for college in a timely fashion. But mistakes often happen when filling out the form. According to Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, here are the... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 01-11-2015 [**Obama, in Tennessee, Begins Selling His Community College Tuition Plan**](#)
In California, community college tuition and fees average less than \$1,500 a year, the lowest in the nation, and with government grants, most students pay nothing. In Florida and Michigan, the cost is over \$3,000, yet poorer students still attend free. But in Vermont and New Hampshire, prices are... - [New York Times](#)
- 01-11-2015 [**UC and Cal State hope for more funding than Brown offers**](#)
After Gov. Jerry Brown's budget proposal was announced Friday, reaction from California's public universities showed that much lobbying and political maneuvering is ahead to establish higher education spending levels for next year. UC President Janet Napolitano on Friday said she was disappointed with... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 01-11-2015 [**Former Pitt tackle Ruben Brown headed to College Football Hall of Fame**](#)
Initially, Ruben Brown hated the idea of playing offense. When he moved from defensive line to offensive tackle as a redshirt freshman at Pitt in 1991, he said he was ready to storm off the practice field. Instead, he stuck around, and eventually became one of the best offensive... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-11-2015 [**PSU trustee resigns; cites conflicts between work commitments and board travel**](#)
Penn State University trustee Karen Peetz, who chaired the board during a tumultuous year after the Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse scandal surfaced, is resigning from the panel, citing conflicts between her work commitments and board travel. Ms. Peetz's term was not due to expire until June 30, 2016. But her... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
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A Penn State University community long proud of its football team has a women's volleyball program to brag about, too. With a Dec. 20 victory over Brigham Young University, Coach Russ Rose and his team captured the NCAA Division I championship for a record seventh time.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
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Penn State University board member Karen Peetz, president of Bank of New York Mellon, will resign her seat, the university announced Friday. The resignation is effective at the end of the day Thursday, one day before the board meets. Ira M. Lubert, who served two previous terms as a trustee,... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

- 01-11-2015 [**Obama's free community college tuition plan raises doubts**](#)
The Obama administration's pitch to have federal and state governments pay for students' community college tuition sounds good to educators, but it raises questions — and some eyebrows — about implementing another big federal program. The idea and its \$60 billion federal price tag over 10 years would have to... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-11-2015 [**The failed premise of the American College Promise**](#)
It once was written that in stupidity there is an opulence of murky stagnancy, an inexhaustibility and a calm infinitude. Welcome to the Obama administration's American College Promise. On Friday, President Obama bowed his program "to make two years of community college free for responsible students, letting students earn the... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-11-2015 [**Penn State trustees' leader Karen Peetz resigns; Ira Lubert replaces her**](#)
The bank president who led Pennsylvania State University's board of trustees in the aftermath of the Jerry Sandusky child sex-abuse scandal has resigned, citing conflicting business demands. Karen Peetz, president of BNY Mellon in New York, will leave the board... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-11-2015 [**Obama proposes tuition free education at community colleges**](#)
Proclaiming that "the United States is coming back," President Obama unveiled an ambitious proposal Friday that would allow millions of students to get a community college education tuition-free. The president's speech, while welcomed by several local community college... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-11-2015 [**6 reasons the math on Obama's college plan doesn't add up**](#)
There are at least six reasons that community college won't be free anytime soon, no matter what President Barack Obama says. Obama, who traveled Friday to Pellissippi State Community College in Knoxville, Tenn., to tout the America's College Promise plan, said he... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
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Editor: On Jan. 4, I had the great fortune to attend the Scranton Brass Orchestra concert at the University of Scranton. In a relaxed atmosphere, under the batons of Mark Gould and Cheryl Boga, 29 talented student and professional musicians provided a varied and rich... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 01-11-2015 [**Penn State trustee who led board in aftermath of Sandusky turmoil resigns**](#)
Former Penn State trustees chairman Karen Peetz has resigned from the board, effective Jan. 15, and current chair Keith Masser has named former member Ira Lubert to fill the 18 months remaining on her term. Peetz has been a controversial figure on the board.... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
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Jury selection in the rape trial of two former Vanderbilt University football players is set to open in Nashville, Tenn. Monday. As of Friday, Penn State football coach James Franklin's status as a witness in the case was still up in the air. A spokesman for the Davidson County District Attorney's office said... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
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By Tony May When the voters of a state break four decades of tradition to deny a sitting governor a second term of office, you tend to think there's a message. Like maybe your job performance was wanting in some important ways? Now, as he's packing his files and sifting through that right bottom drawer... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 01-11-2015 [**Penn State trustee who chaired board in aftermath of Sandusky scandal resigns**](#)
A Penn State trustee who led the board after the Jerry Sandusky scandal will be stepping down next week. Chairman Keith Masser sent an email to trustees around 8 p.m. Friday announcing that Karen Peetz was resigning with 18 months left in her term. The resignation will go into effect at the end of the day Thursday, the... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)

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 Mercyhurst University is considering more cuts as it continues to struggle with declining enrollment and revenue. Less than two months after cutting administrative positions, the private, Roman Catholic school is focusing on academic and athletic programs, and... - [Erie Times-News](#)
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 In Liberia it's called Watch Night, the party that starts when the clock turns over not just a new day but a new year. Normally it's an effusive celebration, marked by dancing and singing, hugs and kisses. As 2014 became 2015, Liberians, free for just one night from a curfew that... - [Erie Times-News](#)
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 As a vision, President Obama's idea for free community college tuition is a potential game-changer, in the way the GI Bill shaped higher education after World War II and made it accessible to the working and middle classes. As a political reality, it's a proposition that will get everyone thinking... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
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 Laura Ellsworth, a Pittsburgh attorney, was elected to the Waynesburg University Board of Trustees during the September 2014 board meeting. She will begin her new term in February. "We are excited to welcome Laura Ellsworth to the Board of Trustees at Waynesburg," said Waynesburg University President Douglas G. Lee.... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
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 Highmark and Allegheny Health Network closed out 2014 by announcing a 10-year clinical and research partnership with Baltimore-based Johns Hopkins Medicine. The alliance makes clear sense for the two Pittsburgh institutions — the Johns Hopkins name and its sterling medical... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
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 With a Ph.D. in robotics from Carnegie Mellon University — considered by many the best place in the world to study such things — it's not hard to find interesting things to do. For Daniel H. Wilson, just following the progress of his fellow classmates from 2005 is kind of dizzying.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
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 In June 2013, Steve Pederson was given a five-year contract extension as Pitt athletic director by then-Chancellor Mark Nordenberg, just days before Nordenberg announced his own resignation. The timing and length of Pederson's contract extension cause one to wonder if Nordenberg put his... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

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 Cabrini College will join a growing number of schools that have made standardized test scores optional for admission, and at the same time will freeze the cost of going there, officials announced Thursday. Tuition for full-time undergraduate students will remain at \$28,932 for... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-09-2015 [**Ethics complaint filed against Rutgers professor**](#)
 A nonprofit advocacy group representing New Jersey charter schools filed an ethics complaint this week accusing a Rutgers University professor of abusing her title and improperly using her university affiliation to lobby against charter schools. Julia Sass Rubin, an associate professor at the Edward J. Bloustein School... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
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 I totally applaud the letter from Les Neri, State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police ("Let's all rally around our brave men and women in uniform"). It was totally unlike the disgusting actions by the president of Penn State University recently when he marched into a student protest with his hands... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 01-09-2015 [**Partnership is key to attaining tuition goal**](#)
 In a few days we will discuss and vote on Penn State trustee Anthony Lubrano's resolution for our alma mater to switch from being a defendant to a plaintiff in the Corman-McCord lawsuit against the NCAA. Penn State was forced by the court to join this lawsuit as a defendant. Our... - [State College Centre Daily Times](#)
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 A lawsuit filed against Harvard University in November by a group called Students for Fair Admissions alleges that the school's admissions policy discriminates against Asian-Americans. A key component of the argument is the higher average SAT scores of Asian-American students who... - [State College Centre Daily Times](#)
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 SCRANTON — The University of Scranton has received national recognition for its community engagement. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has awarded the school 2015 community engagement classification. The university is among 361 colleges in the country, and one of only 24 in... - [Scranton Times](#)
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 I would like to say how much of a positive impact King's College has made on the city of Wilkes Barre. The “King's on the Square” building is very nice and brightens the Square. The streets in and around the campus are very safe and good-looking. There is always negative feedback about the city, but King's College is... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
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 The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has named Northampton Community College for a 2015 Community Engagement Classification based on evaluation of an extensive self-study documenting the nature and extent of Northampton's engagement with the communities... - [Pocono Record](#)
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[**Clarion library to host nutrition, diet programs**](#)

CLARION - The Clarion Free Library will host a series of nutrition and diet programs this month. The programs are free and open to the public. Kristine Lewis, a registered dietitian, will present a program called "Ask the Dietitian," at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14. Lewis will help dispel... - [Oil City Derrick](#)

01-09-2015

[**Cabrini College recognized for community engagement**](#)

Cabrini College was recognized for community engagement by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Initially classified in 2008 for both its "Curricular Engagement" and "Outreach and Partnerships," Cabrini received renewal after a two-year voluntary application process.... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)

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[**Obama Plan Would Help Many Go to Community College Free**](#)

WASHINGTON — President Obama said Thursday that he would propose a government program to make community college tuition-free for millions of students, an ambitious plan that would expand educational opportunities across the United States. The initiative, which the president plans to officially announce Friday at... - [New York Times](#)

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[**The Roots of Obama's Ambitious College Plan**](#)

The roots of President Obama's ambitious proposal for free community college can be found in a 2008 book by the economists Claudia Goldin and Lawrence Katz called "The Race Between Education and Technology." The book, a combination of economics and history, tells the story of how... - [New York Times](#)

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[**Obama to unveil proposal for tuition-free community college**](#)

President Obama on Friday will propose making community college tuition-free for "responsible students," launching what officials described as an ambitious plan for the federal and state governments to widen access to higher education. Under a program dubbed America's College Promise, administration... - [Washington Post](#)

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[**Higher Learning Move to simplify federal student aid application form gains traction**](#)

Donnaldo Escobedo knows that the key to his future lies in college and that the key to college lies in obtaining financial aid. That is why the Garfield High School senior will sit down with his parents in the next few days to tackle the often intimidating FAFSA — Free... - [Los Angeles Times](#)

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[**Obama plan would make community colleges nearly free for millions**](#)

Aiming to dramatically expand access to higher education, President Obama on Thursday proposed making community college virtually free for millions of high school graduates — a potential boon for California's system, the largest in the nation. The federal government would pay 75% of the costs of community college,... - [Los Angeles Times](#)

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[**BU students engineer disaster relief items**](#)

LEWISBURG — More than a dozen Bucknell University engineering students cut their winter break short and returned to campus for an exercise in problem solving this week. They got no classroom credit for the work, but as organizers of the KEEN Winter Interdisciplinary Design Experience... - [Milton Standard](#)

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