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## Dear Neighbor,

The holiday season is a time for giving thanks and reflecting on the past year and the year ahead. This year, I am grateful for many things: my son, family, my amazing office staff, and the opportunity to serve the people of the 161st District, both here in Delaware County and at the State Capitol.

As always, your issues and concerns are important to me. Please feel free to call or email my office to speak to my staff or to set up a meeting with me. Serving you is an honor for our whole team, and we will be happy to hear from you!

Warmest wishes to you and your family for a joyous holiday season.

All the best,

## AN IMPORTANT WIN FOR SENIORS!

Act 7 of 2023 (H.B. 1100), which I co-sponsored, expands the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program next year to include more seniors in Pennsylvania. The new law raises the income eligibility limit for both homeowners and renters to \$45,000 and raises the maximum rebate amount from \$650 to \$1,000.


These higher income eligibility limits and rebate amounts will take effect in 2024, and will help more than 175,000 additional Pennsylvanians be able to stay in their homes and afford necessities. If you would like me and my staff to visit your senior group or community to explain the new guidelines, please call the office to schedule a visit.



## Property Tax / Rent Rebate Program

**MORE** people eligible, **MORE** money back!


Homeowners Income	This Year	Next Year
Up to \$8K	\$650	<b>\$1,000</b>
Up to \$15K	\$500	<b>\$770</b>
Up to \$18K	\$300	<b>\$460</b>
Up to \$35K	\$250	<b>\$380</b>
Up to \$45K	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$380</b>
Renter Income	This Year	Next Year
Up to \$8K	\$650	<b>\$1,000</b>
Up to \$15K	\$500	<b>\$770</b>
Up to \$18K	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$460</b>



The 2023/24 Budget

## Increases Funding for Schools in our Community

- Chester Upland School District**  
\$11.4 Million (11.1% ↑)
- Penn-Delco School District**  
\$751,003 (7.8% ↑)
- Ridley School District**  
\$2.16 Million (11.9% ↑)
- Rose Tree School District**  
\$542,572 (9.6% ↑)
- Wallingford-Swarthmore School District**  
\$494,301 (7.6% ↑)



# 2023-24 BUDGET ADDS SIGNIFICANT EDUCATION FUNDING

This year's state budget was signed into law on August 3, and I voted yes on the package of bills that make up the state budget. This is Gov. Josh Shapiro's first budget since taking office in January, and it includes funding for many critical areas, including education, community safety, and workforce development. This budget provides historic levels of education funding, particularly for our local school districts, which will receive approximately \$15.3 million in additional funds over last year. The budget also includes funding for universal free breakfast in all Pennsylvania public schools.

While I supported the budget because it represents a step forward, much more needs to be done to serve people in Pennsylvania who need our support. I am excited to continue working with my colleagues in Harrisburg to make Pennsylvania a better place for all of us!

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE, ONE LICENSE PLATE AT A TIME




I held two successful Faded License Plate Events in late July, in Aston and Brookhaven. My office partnered with the Aston and Brookhaven Police Departments to help nearly 100 constituents begin the process of getting their faded or unreadable license plates replaced. By renewing and revitalizing licenses plates we are making our roads much safer.

Couldn't make it this time? Don't worry – we're dedicated to serving you! Stay tuned for future events or call our office to find out how you can get your damaged license plate replaced for free.

## LIHEAP APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!



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2023-2024 LIHEAP Applications are **Now Open!**



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2023-2024 Income Guidelines	
Household Size	Maximum Annual Income
1	\$21,870
2	\$29,580
3	\$37,290
4	\$45,000
5	\$52,710
6	\$60,420
7	\$68,130
8	\$75,840
9	\$83,550
10	\$91,260

Each additional person \$7,710

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program is now accepting applications for 2023-24. As the weather gets colder, I want to make sure everyone knows about the resources available to help keep you and your family warm during the cold months.

You can apply online at [compass.state.pa.us](https://compass.state.pa.us) or fill out a paper application with help from my office. Feel free to call my office, 610-534-6880, or email me at [RepKrueger@pahouse.net](mailto:RepKrueger@pahouse.net). We are happy to help.

After your application is reviewed, you will receive written notice explaining your eligibility and the amount of assistance you will receive. Please allow 30 days for a response.



# OUT IN THE COMMUNITY



*In October, I spent a rainy morning in Aston Township at our Fall Shredding event. We collaborated with DA Jack Stollsteimer, the Delaware County District Attorney's Office, and state Sen. John Kane to shred unwanted papers and collect unneeded medication for safe disposal. I want to thank our staff and the hundreds of neighbors who came out despite the wet weather.*



*I stopped by the Caleb Pusey House in Upland Borough to see how CRC Watersheds maintains recent tree plantings. These trees have been planted over the past few years to strengthen the streambank of the Chester Creek and prevent erosion from stormwater runoff.*



*I hosted my annual Veteran's Luncheon with state Sen. John Kane at the Aston Township American Legion Post 926. My father served in the Navy during the Vietnam War, and serving our community's veterans has always been a top priority for me and my team.*



*On the Friday before Veterans Day, Delaware County residents showed up strong at the Annual Veterans Day Parade in Media. US Senator Bob Casey joined us at the largest and best Veterans Day Parade in the Commonwealth.*



*I joined the Upland Seniors Club to talk about state resources for our seniors. I shared information about the increased income limits for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program coming in 2024, the free Medicare counseling services at our office. We also helped people apply for their SEPTA Key Card. I'm always happy to meet with community groups in our district to connect them to state services.*





*In September I joined state Rep. Carol Kazeem and volunteers for a community clean up at the historic Green Lawn Cemetery in Chester Township.*



*I had a great time at Nether Providence Family Fun Day in October, where I caught up with Nether Providence Police Chief David Splain.*



*I had a fantastic time in August at Chester Township Community Day. I'm grateful to everyone who donated school supplies through our office – they were part of the backpack giveaway for kids in the Chester-Upland School District.*



*I visited Garden City Fire Company #1 to honor Jim Boyer Sr., who passed away earlier this year after decades of service at this volunteer fire company. I presented a flag flown over the Capitol on Jim's birthday to his wife Irene, son Jim, and his wife and their children.*



*I was delighted to join Neumann University President Dr. Chris Everett Domes in announcing a new collaboration with Ed Snider Youth Hockey & Education to construct a new ice hockey arena in Aston Township. I supported a \$1 million Commonwealth grant through the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program toward the \$30 million total project budget. I backed this program because I believe it will make hockey more accessible to Delaware County families.*



*My staff and I participated in Brookhaven Family Fun Day where I got to catch up with Brookhaven Fire Chief Rob Montella and Brookhaven Police Chief Michael Vice. I'm so grateful for the community volunteers who make each and every one of these events possible!*



*I visited the Hefton family in Aston Township. Their daughter Brooklyn has been diagnosed with Pitt-Hopkins syndrome, a rare genetic neurological disease. Brooklyn and her family have educated me about Pitt-Hopkins syndrome over the past few years and we are working together to spread awareness.*



*The First Tuesday of August is National Night Out, an event that promotes police-community partnerships. My staff and I participated in events in Aston Township and Ridley Township.*





# BROOKHAVEN HOLIDAY PARADE

I had fun marching in the Brookhaven Holiday Parade in Brookhaven Borough. It was great to see Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon, state Sen. John Kane, Delaware County District Attorney Jack Stollsteimer, Brookhaven Council President Terry Heller and Nora Fulvio, who was elected to a seat on Brookhaven Borough Council.

## TRIBUTE AT GREEN LAWN CEMETERY



On Veterans Day, I was honored to speak at the Third Annual Tribute at Green Lawn Cemetery. Green Lawn Cemetery was founded in 1907 when cemeteries were segregated, and it is the final resting place for over 230 Black veterans.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



My office is planning several events in 2024. Are you interested in learning more about our upcoming Shred Event, Pet Expo, Wills Clinic and/or our Expungement Clinics?

You can follow my social media pages, where I post upcoming events, or visit [RepLeanne.com/emailsSignup](https://RepLeanne.com/emailsSignup) to join my email list to stay informed!

## MY OFFICE CAN HELP YOU WITH:

- SEPTA Senior Key Cards
  - Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications
  - Birth Certificate applications
  - Unclaimed Property search and forms
  - PennDOT documents
  - Disability plates and placards
  - Questions about Real ID
  - Birth Certificate applications
  - Concerns about state road conditions
  - Unemployment Compensation issues
  - Department of Human Services benefits (SNAP, Medical Assistance, LIHEAP)
  - Consumer Complaints
- And More!***