

# THE POLICY RECAP

A summary of House Democratic Policy Committee meetings.....October 31 – November 1, 2017

## Rep. Maureen Madden Education Funding

Stroudsburg | October 31

State Rep. Maureen Madden hosted a House Democratic Policy Committee hearing at the Hughes Library to explore state education funding. The committee addressed equitable funding from the state and how school funding impacts local budgets.

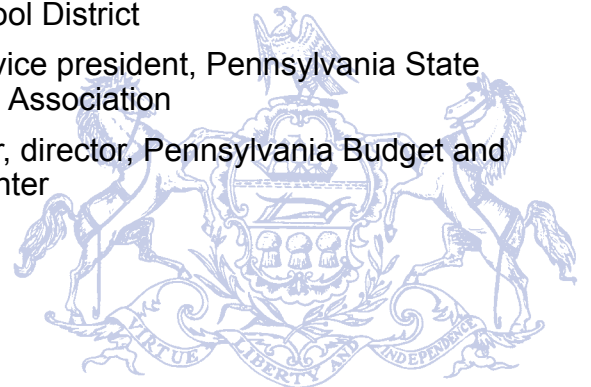


### Testifiers included:

Merlyn Clarke, school board member, Stroudsburg Area School District

Jeff Ney, vice president, Pennsylvania State Education Association

Marc Stier, director, Pennsylvania Budget and Policy Center



Hearing materials are available at [www.pahouse.com/PolicyCommittee](http://www.pahouse.com/PolicyCommittee)



## Rep. Marty Flynn Property Taxes

Scranton | November 1

State Rep. Marty Flynn hosted a House Democratic Policy Committee hearing at the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel to discuss property taxes.

Flynn requested the hearing to discuss the need for property tax relief in Lackawanna County and help inform residents of a constitutional amendment ballot question they will be asked to vote on at the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 7. The relationship between school funding and property taxes was also explored.



### Testifiers included:

Dr. Michael Mahon, superintendent, Abington Heights School District

Ronald Koldjeski, deputy director, Lackawanna County Tax Claim Bureau

Brian Rinaldi, business manager, Old Forge School District



## ABOUT THE HOUSE DEMOCRATIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Rep. Mike Sturla is chair of the House Democratic Policy Committee. The Policy Committee holds public hearings and meetings across the state, and serves as the catalyst to enacting major policy initiatives put forth by members of the House Democratic Caucus. You can find details about upcoming hearings, hearing testimony from previous hearings and Chairman Sturla's Policy Point of the Day by visiting [www.pahouse.com/PolicyCommittee](http://www.pahouse.com/PolicyCommittee).