

Legal/Legislative Visit to PA Capitol – Opposition to HB2632

Monday, June 22, 2026

School Leaders & Participants (14): Dan Bartkowiak (Chief Strategy Officer, PA Family Institute), Rod Baughman (Director of Human Resources & Business Operations, Lancaster County Christian School), Matt Buckwalter (Head of School, Linville Hill Christian School), Jeremy Copenhaver (Lititz Christian School), Jeremy Drake (Head of School, Christian School of York), Autumn Faulkner (Director of State Policy, ACSI), Ty Fischer (Head of School, Veritas Academy), Drew Kidd (Head of School, High Point Baptist Academy), Brandon McCall (Head of School, Cornerstone Prep), Phil Puleo (Christian School Consultant & Advocate), Mark Seymour (President, Christian School Association of Greater Harrisburg), Barbara Roque (Children's Tuition Fund), Andrew Sickler (Head of School, Northern Dauphin Christian School), and David Sonju (Head of School, Covenant Christian Academy)

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| 8:30 AM | Policy Update w/ Stephen Bloom (VP Government Affairs, Commonwealth Foundation) & Dan Bartkowiak (Chief Strategy Officer, PA Family Institute) LLC
Location: 223 State Street – 1 st Floor Conference Room |
| 9:30 AM | Mtg. w/ Chad Weaver (Chief of Staff, Senator Martin)
Location: 281 Main Capitol |
| | Drop In w/ Kori Weikle (Staff of Rep. Tom Mehaffie - Dauphin)
Location: 144 Main Capitol |
| 10:00 AM | Mtg. w/ Rep. Cutler & Education Staff
Location: 45 East Wing |
| 10:30 AM | Mtg. w/ Karen Blamar (Executive Director for Tina Davis)
Location: 331 Main Capitol Building |
| 10:45 AM | Mtg. w/ Jason Gottesman (Deputy Chief of Staff for Leaders Topper)
Location: 423 Main Capital |
| 11:30 AM | Mtg. w/ Rep. Owlett (Bradford/Tioga)
Location: 316A Main Capitol |
| 12:00 PM | Tour (15 mins): Governor's Reception Room (if the room is available and we have no other meetings) |
| 12:30 PM | Lunch – Panera provided by friends at PA Family Institute . . . Thank you!
Location: Location: 223 State Street – 1 st Floor Conference Room |
| 1:30 PM | Mtg. w/ Rep. Tom Mehaffie (Dauphin) Tentatively Scheduled if some can return
Location: 144 Main Capitol |

Parking in Harrisburg: We suggest you park at the South Street Parking Garage on Susquehanna Street. It is a block in front of the western side of the Capital. You may get to it off of N. 3rd Street (the road that runs in front of the western side of the Capital) and turn into South Street. The cost is most likely \$16 and they take either cash or credit card. Buses may be able on Commonwealth Avenue, North Street, South Street, or City Island (15-minute walk back to the Capitol)

Entering the Capital: Coming out of the parking garage, you will make a left onto Susquehanna Street and then a right on State Street. You will see the Capital in front of you. Cross N. 3rd Street, go up the stairs, and enter the Capital. After going through security, you will be in the Capitol Rotunda.

Thought for the Moment -- *"We in America do not have a government by the majority. We have a government by the majority who participate."* ~ Thomas Jefferson

Walk Around Pop-Ins: “Elevator” Speech & Drop Off Materials - Be Clear - Vote No on HB2632; Don’t forget to stop in to see your own legislators ([LINK](#))

Main Capital - House:

Room 110: Rep. Matthew Bradford (D – Majority Leader – Norristown)
Room 128: Rep. Peter Schweyer (D-House Ed. Chair – Allentown)
Room 139: Speaker McClinton (D - Philadelphia)
Room 168: Rep. Lynda Schlegel Culver (R–Northumberland)
Room 300: Rep. MaryLouise Isachson (D–Philadelphia)
Room 512E: Rep. Jordan Harris (D - Philadelphia - Appropriates Chair)

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Room 200: Rep. Amen Brown – (D – Philadelphia)
Room 224: Rep. Jose Giral (D – Philadelphia)

Main Capital - Senate:

Room 172: Senator Rosemary Brown (R-Monroe & Wayne County)
Room 173: Senator Lisa Baker (R-Luzerne, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne & Wyoming County)
Room 183: Senator Amanda M. Cappelletti- (D-Delaware & Montgomery County)
Room 185: Senator Katie J. Muth- (D- Berks, Chester & Montgomery Counties)

East Wing:

Room 15: Senator Chris Gebhard- (R- Berks, Lancaster & Lebanon Counties)
Room 160B: Rep. Jamie Barton- (R- Berks & Schuylkill Counties)
Room 161A: Rep. KC Tomlinson (R - Bucks)
Room 161B: Rep. Joe Hogan (R - Bradford/Tioga)

Area of Focus: Opposition of HB2632 (“The Destruction of EITC/OSTC/EDS Act”) and Support for EITC/OSTC/EDS

HB 2632 would make *substantial changes to Pennsylvania's existing Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC), Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC), and Economically Disadvantaged Schools (EDS) programs*. These programs have helped provide educational opportunities to more than 100,000 students and remain some of the most widely utilized school choice programs in the nation.

According to analyses of the legislation, [HB 2632](#) would be a major cut for EITC K-12 scholarships. This bill would:

- Dismantle the existing EITC and OSTC framework and replace it with a more restrictive program in 2027.
- Immediate cut scholarship organization (SO) tax credits, and cut them again in 2027, by \$102 million, taking scholarships away from approximately **30,000 current students**.
- Eliminate the supplemental scholarship program for Economically Disadvantaged Schools (EDS).
- Tie income eligibility to the legislature passing minimum wage increases.
- Create new reporting requirements on scholarship organizations *and* private schools.
- Impose a 2% tax on scholarship organizations.
- Revenue would share individual donors’ tax return information to the General Assembly.
- Requires the Auditor General to regularly audit every scholarship organization and every participating private school.
- Click [HERE](#) for a full Summary of HB2632

This seems consistent with the rhetoric from the House Education hearing last month, where one Democrat said she wanted EITC to “[go away...and go away for good](#)”.

Loss of Scholarships:

Statewide there are approximately 270,000 students receiving EITC/OSTC scholarships or enrolled in charter schools. That’s about 15% of all K-12 pupils. Collectively, these three voted to take educational funding away from over 140,000 children in their home counties!

EITC in Philly = 20,662 scholarships
OSTC in Philly = 9,796 scholarships
Charter pupils in Philly = 78,721
TOTAL = 109,179

EITC in Allegheny = 3,671
OSTC in Allegheny = 2,397
Estimated charter pupils in Allegheny=15,000
TOTAL = 21,068

EITC in Delaware = 4,179
OSTC in Delaware = 1,094
Charter pupils in Delaware = 6,647
TOTAL = 11,920

Source: 2022-23 data for EITC/OSTC, from Department of Community & Economic Development, and 2024-25 data from several nonprofit and school district sources for charter students

Pending Appointments: (Please join in calling to set appointment; Track effort & updates)

✓ Rep. Jessie Topper (R – House Ed. – Chambersburg) – 717-772-2572 - Phil scheduled with Laura Wagner
Rep. Matthew Bradford – (D – Majority Leader – Norristown) - 717-772-2572 - Phil Left Message (6/17, 6/18); Sent Email Request (6/18)
Rep. Amen Brown – (D – Philadelphia) – 717-783-3822 - Phil Left Message (6/17, 6/18); Sent Email (6/18)
Rep. Lynda Schlegal Culver (R – Northumberland) – 717-787-8928; Lindsay spoke to Crystal at Senator Culver's office. She asked that I send her an email with meeting times and she will get back to us. Sent email and copied Phil to: crichardson@pasen.gov
Rep. Peter Schweyer (D-House Ed. Chair – Allentown) – 717-787-2909 - ggarofalo@pahouse.net (Gelina) - Packed schedule will send email to get a 10 minute appointment.
✓ Tina Davis (D – Bucks County) – 717-783-4903 - Scheduled
Rep. Jose Giral (D – Philadelphia) – 717-787-1407 - Phil left message (6/18); Sent Email (6/18)
Rep. Mary Isachson (D – Philadelphia) – 717-783-8098 - Phil left message (6/18) - Sent Email (6/18)
✓ Rep. Clint Owlett (R – Bradford / Tioga) – 717-772-5371 - Phil left message (6/18)
✓ Rep. Bryan Cutler (R – Lancaster) – 717-783-6424 - Phil left message (6/18)
Senator Scott Martin (R – Strasburg) – 717-787-6535 - Phil left message (6/18); Text Chief of Staff (6/18)
✓ Rep. Tom Mehaffie (R - Dauphin County) - (717) 787-2684 - kweikle@pahousegop.com (Kori)
Rep. Joe Hogan (R - Bradford/Tioga) - 717-772-5371 - Phil sent email (6/18)
Rep. KC Tomlinson (R - Bucks) - 717-783-7319 - Phil sent email (6/18)
Speaker McClinton (D - Philadelphia) - 717-772-9850 - Phil sent email (6/18)
Rep. Joran Harris (D - Philadelphia - Appropriates Chair) - 717-783-1540 - Phil sent email (6/18)
Senator Rosemary Brown (R-Monroe & Wayne County)- 717-787-6123- Patricia sent email rbrown@pasen.gov- (6/18)
Senator Scott Martin (R- Berks & Lancaster County)- 717-787-6535 - Patricia sent email (6/19)
Senator Lisa Baker (R-Luzerne, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne & Wyoming County) - 717-787-7428- Patricia sent email- lbaker@pasen.gov- (6/19)
Senator Amanda M. Cappelletti- (D-Delaware & Montgomery County) - 717-787-5544- Patricia sent email- cappelletti@pasenate.com- (6/19)
Senator Chris Gebhard- (R- Berks, Lancaster & Lebanon Counties) - 717-787-5708- Patricia sent email cgebhard@pasen.gov - (6/19)
Senator Katie J. Muth- (D- Berks, Chester & Montgomery Counties) - 717-787-1398- Patricia sent email senatormuth@pasenate.com- (6/19)
Rep. Jamie Barton- (R- Berks & Schuylkill Counties)- 717-787-902- Patricia left a message