



# PA Senate Democrats 2018-19 Budget Highlights

*This year's budget is the product of bipartisanship - it is a good compromise that accomplishes many of the goals we outlined in our platform at the beginning of this year. In January, we outlined a platform of our policy priorities – and we reinforced those with this budget and investments in programs we care about. This is a budget that 'puts our money where our mouth is' with regard to policy and priorities.*

## EDUCATION ✓

***Access to a quality education at every level is a top priority of the Pennsylvania Senate Democrats, and we've made great strides in investment along those lines.***

- ✓ \$100 million increase in basic education (K-12 public schools)
- ✓ \$20 million increase in Pre-K Counts program
- ✓ \$30 million increase in career and technical education as part of the PA SMART Initiative
- ✓ \$15 million increase in special education
- ✓ \$21.6 million increase in Early Intervention
- ✓ Nearly \$7 million increase to community colleges
- ✓ \$15 million to the state-owned universities of the PASSHE schools

## JOBS AND ECONOMY ✓

***We need an economy that works for the middle class - that means preparing folks for the jobs that are available, and incentivizing the creation of those jobs.***

- ✓ A new \$7 million apprenticeship training program through PA SMART
- ✓ \$3 million increase to industry partnerships through PA SMART
- ✓ \$3 million increase to combat the Spotted Lanternfly infestation that threatens our agricultural industry

## SOCIAL JUSTICE ✓

***Fairness and equality are critical tenets of the PA Senate Democratic platform - and we fought for them in the #PABudget.***

- ✓ \$1.3 million to the Human Relations Commission to provide the resources necessary to investigate claims like those of The Grandview 5
- ✓ \$1 million for It's On Us grants to address campus sexual assault

## HEALTH CARE AND OPIOID ADDICTION ✓

***Health care is a hot button issue in today's politics. However, one basic tenet underpins the efforts of the Senate Democrats: health care is a human right. As a country and a state, we have a moral and ethical obligation to provide access to healthcare to deliver the best opportunity for people reach their full potential.***

- ✓ Includes funding to address the Governor's waiting list initiatives
  - 100 persons on the emergency waiting list for intellectual disabilities (ID) and 800 high school graduates aging into the ID waiver program
  - 40 adults off of the Autism Intervention and Services waiting list
- ✓ Provides funding to expand home visitation programs for parents and young children
- ✓ \$2.5 million to fight Lyme disease