



# CHESTER COUNTY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

February 2022

# CCSBLC Meeting Agenda

1. Legislative Update
  1. Governor's Budget Address
  2. Legislation
  3. Redistricting
2. School Board Legislative Priority Survey
3. Court Updates: Mask Optional Policies
4. CCSBLC Calendar
  1. Legislative Committee Meeting Dates
  2. Legislative Breakfast, April 22
5. Legislative Member Discussion Topics



# 2022-23 budget

- Presented on February 8

- Budget highlights:

- *\$1.55 billion (24% increase) in BEF (basic education funding)*
  - \$1.25 billion distributed through fair funding formula
  - \$300 million to 100 most underfunded districts via Level Up
- *\$200 million (16% increase) in special education funding*
- *\$45 million for school safety and security grants*
- *\$60 million (25% increase) to PreK Counts; \$10 million (15% increase) to HeadStart Supplemental Assistance Program*
- *\$6 million (6% increase ) in Career/Technical Education*
- *\$16 million (2.7% increase) in Student Transportation*
- *Early Intervention is level-funded*



# 2022-23 budget

## ■ Additional proposals:

- *\$45,000 minimum statutory teacher salary*
- *Charter school reform (est. \$373 million savings)*
  - *Apply special ed fair funding formula to all brick n' mortar charter schools*
  - *Statewide cyber charter tuition rate of \$9,800*
- *Lowers maximum administrative set-aside for EITC/OSTC from 20% to 5% (est. \$6 million more toward awards)*

District	Year-over-Year Proposed BEF Change		Year-over-Year Proposed SEF Change		Estimated Charter School Funding Reform Savings
Avon Grove SD	\$2,015,028	12.8%	\$488,844	17.2%	\$201,643
Coatesville SD	\$6,586,546	24.2%	\$1,386,327	23.2%	\$14,658,541
Downingtown Area SD	\$3,157,115	20.1%	\$902,593	15.2%	\$821,091
Great Valley SD	\$1,118,929	36.8%	\$82,543	5.4%	\$524,510
Kennett Consolidated SD	\$1,860,195	29.2%	\$269,993	14.8%	\$464,334
Octorara Area SD	\$1,323,375	19.6%	\$264,049	17.3%	\$564,146
Owen J Roberts SD	\$1,804,691	27.4%	\$386,034	18.4%	\$775,526
Oxford Area SD	\$3,232,959	23.7%	\$644,346	28.7%	\$934,406
Phoenixville Area SD	\$1,760,119	32.4%	\$155,906	9.5%	\$488,529
Tredyffrin-Easttown SD	\$1,183,722	29.3%	\$147,369	6.2%	\$343,138
Unionville-Chadds Ford SD	\$710,496	20.2%	\$119,493	6.9%	\$451,523
West Chester Area SD	\$3,305,300	34.5%	\$236,416	4.5%	\$1,430,894

# Jan/Feb 2022 Activity

- **SB324: Foster Children & Graduation:** The bill aims to keep students on track to graduate high school who are either experiencing homelessness or are in foster care by requiring a receiving school entity to designate a point person for the student. [Now ACT 1 OF 2022](#)
- **HB232: Changing a District Name:** Requires a 2/3 vote of the School Board and approval of PDE. Only pertains to school districts of the 3<sup>rd</sup> class located within a county of the 4<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> class (i.e. not relevant to Chester County school districts). [Passed House and Senate and presented to Governor on February 9.](#)
- **HR 163: Training Mandates.** The resolution directs the Joint State Government Commission to establish an advisory committee to study all of the training mandates for public school educators in federal and state law or regulations; prepare an assessment of all training mandates in state law or regulations and identify any duplicate federal and state training mandates; evaluate any potential negative impacts of eliminating certain training mandates in state law or regulations; and include any recommendations relating to eliminating any training mandates in state law or regulations. The Commission would be required to issue a report of the advisory committee's findings and recommendations to the House of Representatives no later than 18 months from the adoption of the resolution. [Adopted unanimously on February 7.](#)

# Calendar Session Days

An aerial photograph of the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C. The image shows the iconic white dome and the surrounding grounds, including the reflecting pool, the grounds of the Supreme Court, and the grounds of the Library of Congress. The Capitol building is the central focus, with its white marble facade and the large dome. The surrounding area is green with trees and lawns, and there are some roads and parking areas visible. The image is taken from a high angle, looking down on the building and the surrounding area.

## Senate:

February 7, 8, 9

March 28, 29, 30

April 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13

May 23, 24, 25

June 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21,  
22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30

## House:

February 7, 8, 9

March 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30

April 11, 12, 13, 25, 26, 27

May 23, 24, 25

June 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21,  
22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30

September 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21

October 24, 25, 26

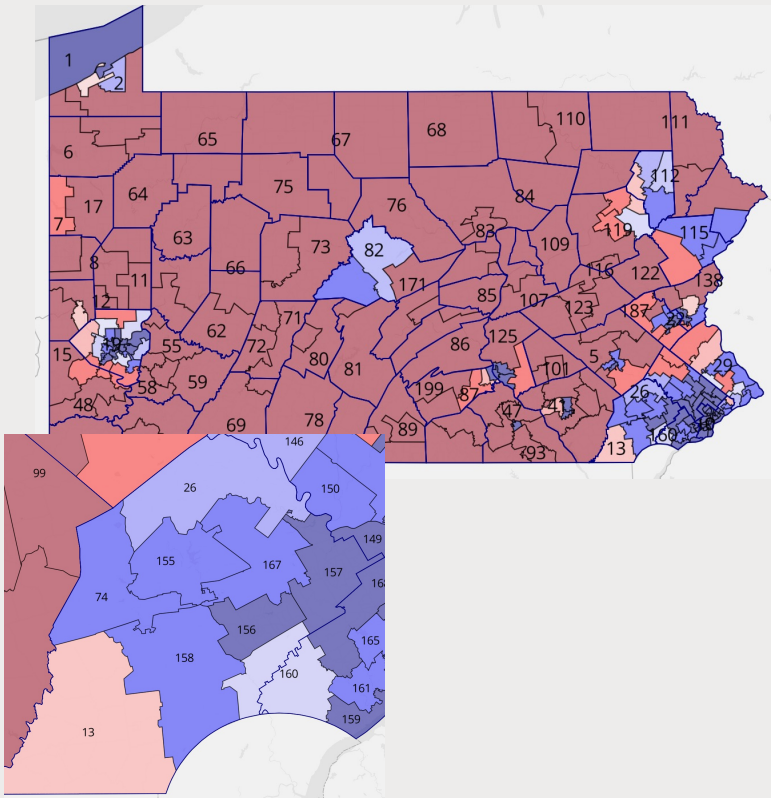
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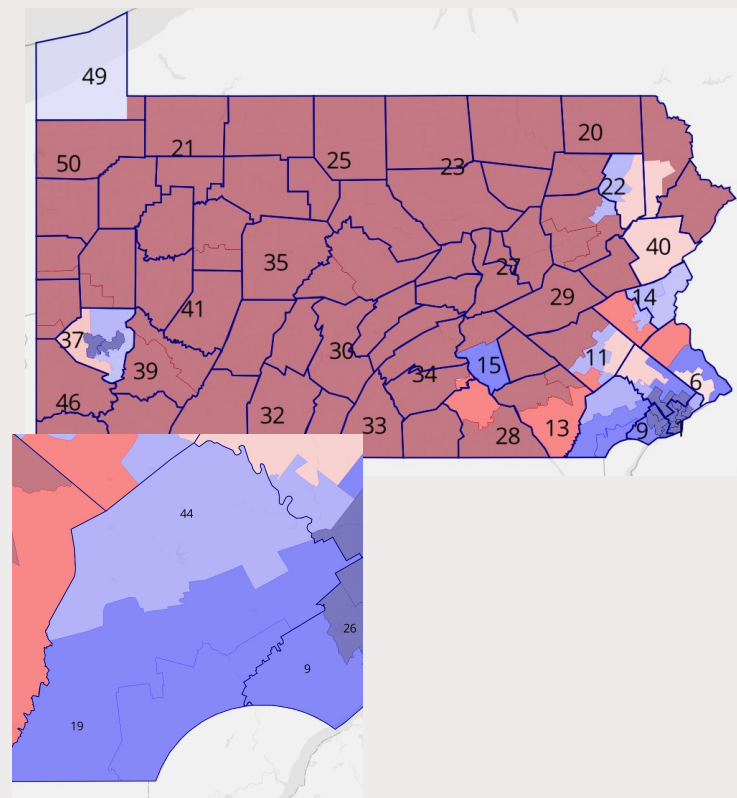
# Legislative Redistricting

LRC Adopts 2021 Final Reapportionment Plan on February 4, 2022

## ■ 2022 LRC House Final



## ■ 2022 LRC Senate Final





# CCSBLC Survey

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Avon Grove School District	12.07% 7
▼ Coatesville Area School District	1.72% 1
▼ Downingtown Area School District	15.52% 9
▼ Great Valley School District	5.17% 3
▼ Kennett Consolidated School District	6.90% 4
▼ Octorara Area School District	12.07% 7
▼ Owen J. Roberts School District	0.00% 0
▼ Oxford Area School District	0.00% 0
▼ Phoenixville Area School District	12.07% 7
▼ Tredyffrin-Easttown School District	12.07% 7
▼ Unionville Chadds Ford School District	12.07% 7
▼ West Chester Area School District	10.34% 6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>58</b>

# Mask Optional Court Hearings

- Upper Perkiomen School District and North Allegheny School District
  - *Upper Perkiomen plaintiffs claim “mask optional status effectively barred access to in-person instruction to these students, in violation of their rights under the ADA and Section 504”*
- US District Court for the Eastern District of PA:
  - *Initially temporarily ordered reinstatement of mask mandate*
  - *Granted injunction affirming its reinstatement in Perkiomen Valley*
    - Preliminary and subject to further challenge

# CCSBLC Meeting Schedule

1. Wednesday, March 23
2. Wednesday, April 22 (Legislative Breakfast)
3. Wednesday, May 25
4. Wednesday, June 22
5. July - No meeting - Legislature Not in Session
6. August - No meeting - Legislature Not in Session





# CCSBLC Discussion

