



CHESTER COUNTY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

February 2021

CCSBLC Meeting Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Keynote Presentation:

Legislative Overview

John Callahan

Chief Advocacy Officer, PSBA

Appointment of 2021

CCSBLC Co-Chairs

Legislative Update

Legislative Call to Action:

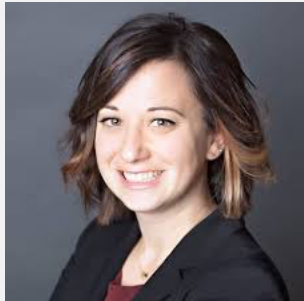
Prioritize Vaccine for Education

Upcoming Events





Melissa Booth



Blake
Emmanuel

Co-Chair Appointment



\$37.8 billion budget proposal



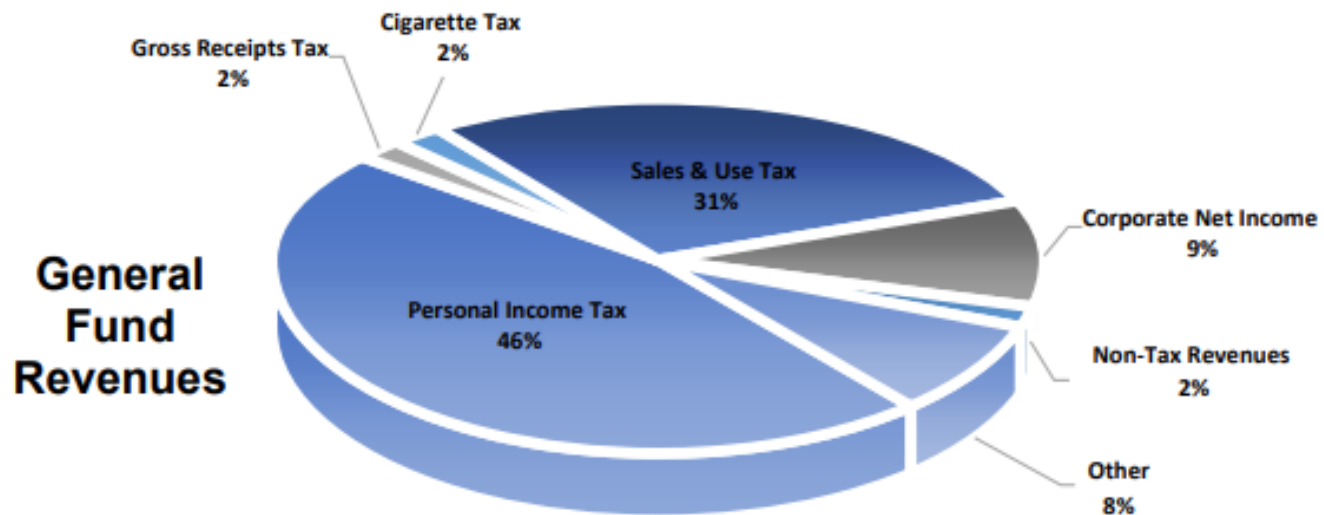
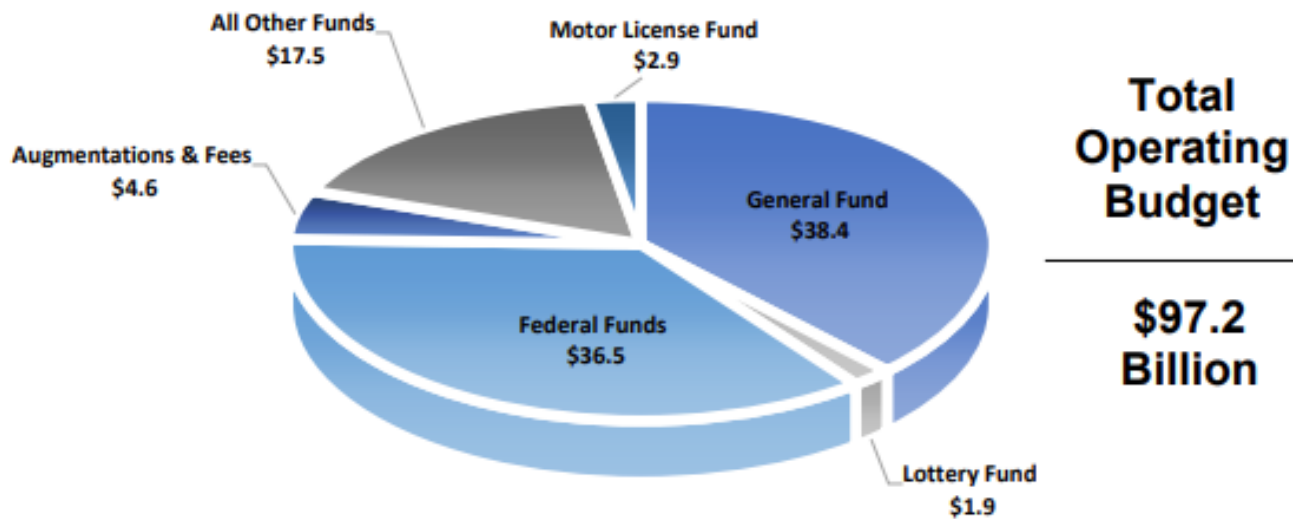
Prioritizes education, workforce initiatives and economic development



Raises new revenue on multiple fronts

Governor's Proposed Budget

Budget Overview



GENERAL FUND AND SPECIAL FUNDS

2021-22 Fiscal Year
(Dollar Amounts in Thousands)



Education \$16,541,023 38.8%

Health and Human Services \$15,838,989 37.1%

Protection of Persons and Property \$4,911,045 11.5%

Transportation \$1,950,906 4.6%

Direction and Supportive Services \$1,633,563 3.8%

Debt Service \$1,315,630 3.1%

Recreation and Cultural Enrichment \$248,310 0.6%

Economic Development \$199,357 0.5%

TOTAL \$42,638,823

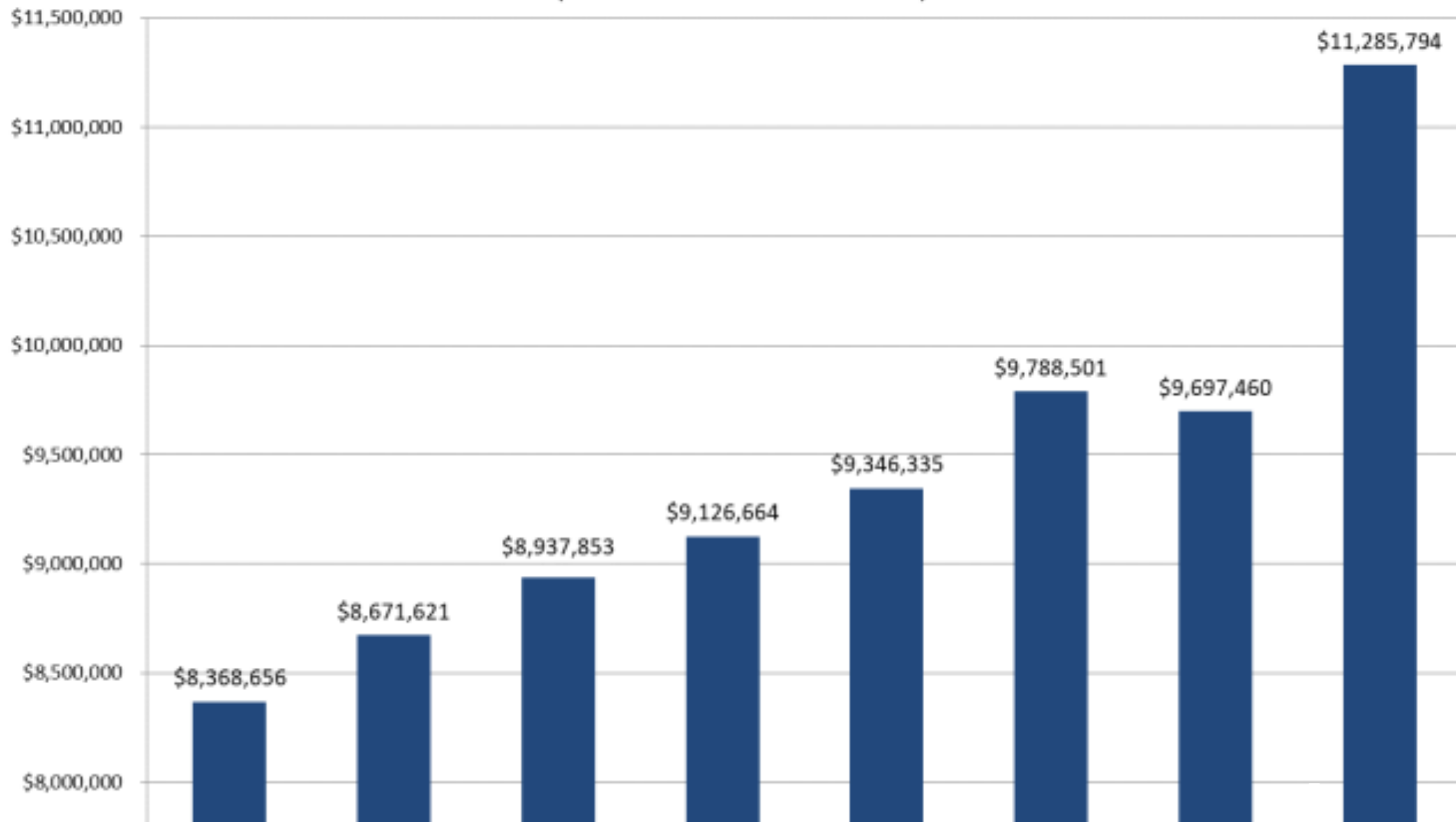
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INVESTING IN OUR KIDS

Pre-K to 12 Education Funding

(Dollar amounts in thousands)



The Appropriations

1. \$1.3 billion proposed increase to BEF (more on this in a minute!)
2. \$200 million proposed increase to SEF (\$187 million) through the formula; \$13 million for the contingency fund...AND remember: DON'T look at the spreadsheets!!)
3. \$30 million proposed increase to early childhood
4. \$11 million proposed increase for Early Intervention

Charter School Reform Policy

\$99 Million Savings

- Apply Act 16 SE categories to charter school students/tuition
- SEF Commission recommendation

\$130 Million Savings

- \$9,500 statewide cyber charter tuition rate
- Current range is from \$9,170 to \$22,300

Redirection Process

- Clear timelines and processes in redirection process
- Transparency and fairness for SDs and CSs

Other Policy

- **Minimum Teacher Salary:** \$45,000
- **Minimum Wage:** \$12/hour July 1, 2021; \$15/hour by July 1, 2027
- **RACP:** \$1 billion expansion in eligible projects to include lead/asbestos abatement and schools as grantees

Basic Education Funding

Step 1: Raise additional revenue

- PIT rate increases to 4.49%
- 67% of Pennsylvanians will see decreases or no change
- Significant PIT exclusions/reductions based on income

Basic Education Funding

Step 2: Run ALL THE MONEY through the BEF

- *Redistribute all \$6.25 billion in existing BEF (19 20) through the BEF formula (keeps SS separate)*
- *Shifts \$1.15 billion from 336 districts to 164 districts*
- *This creates winners and losers*

Basic Education Funding

Step 3: Make all the
“losers” whole with new
revenue

- *Use \$1.15B of new PIT revenue to level fund (at 19-20 BEF) any district that lost money when running all BEF \$s through the formula*
- *This undoes the impact on the 336 districts that would lose money*

Basic Education Funding

Step 4: Distribute \$200 million to all 500 districts through the BEF formula

- *AFTER running ALL BEF through the formula and making everyone whole (Steps 2 and 3 above), distribute \$200 million ON TOP*
- *Will use new formula data (2019 ACS data and 2019 20 AFR, ADM data data in spreadsheets is not all updated!)*
- *Every SD gets an increase above the 2019 20 BEF amount (range is \$24,000 to \$43 million)*

Legislative Update

Distributing Federal Funding (COVID 5)

- SB 109: COVID Relief Federal Funding
- Distributes the following GEERS Funding:
 - *\$17.5 million for Area Career and Technical Centers (split proportionally based upon their share of the 2019/20 Secondary Career and Technical Education state subsidy);*
 - *\$17.5 million for Intermediate Units (shares are a function of each IU's average daily membership and market value/personal income aid ratio);*
 - *\$7.075 million for Approved Private Schools and Chartered Schools for the Deaf and Blind (split proportionally based upon full-time equivalent enrollment);*
 - *and \$5 million for the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (at the direction of the Chancellor).*

Legislative Update

Vaccines

- Vaccines for School Employees: There are rumors of a planned joint hearing of the PA House and Senate Education and Health committees on the issue of vaccines in schools.
- HB 182 Vaccines: Amends the Public School Code, in duties and powers of boards of school directors, requiring online publication of the number of vaccinated and unvaccinated students enrolled in each school in the school district. Effective in 60 days.

Testing Waiver

- Congress is not receptive to a waiver. Rather, they want to know the baseline about where the learning gaps are.

Vouchers

- SB 1: The Excellence in Education for All Act Co-Sponsorship memo



Election Results



Education
Committees



Bill Tracking

Legislative Update

UPDATES

1. Legislative CTA: Prioritize Vaccine for Schools
2. Legislative Briefing – March 11, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
3. Next CCSBLC Meeting: February 24, 6:30 – 8 p.m.