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Between the public meetings held by some of my other colleagues here in Philadelphia, along with the tireless work to get the legislation where it is now, we are finally moving forward to take action and eliminate the problems with these nuisance establishments.

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- 2 doses of measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR)
- 4 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or evidence of varicella vaccination
- Students entering 12th grade need one dose of the HPV vaccine.
- Students entering 7th grade need these vaccinations:
  - 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap)
  - 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)

In June, I voted for a budget that would increase education funding in Philadelphia by $34 million. While I have worked with my colleagues to find a way to pay for House Republican leadership’s failed budget, which resulted in some good news. In addition to providing more money for Philadelphia public schools, the Senate passed Pennsylvania’s first severance tax on natural gas drillers and rejected House Republican efforts to increase premiums on families of kids receiving Medicaid.

As of this writing, the House of Representatives is not scheduled to return to Harrisburg until Sept. 11, and I am ready to get back to work and put this overdue budget to bed. We need to ensure our children get the funding they need to prepare for the future. I had the pleasure of welcoming students from West Oak Lane Charter School to the state Capitol.

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