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In 2019, Pennsylvania had 731 people killed in federal funding from the American Rescue Plan to allocate. I pushed strongly for Pennsylvania to receive its share of this funding.

In 2016, the Pennsylvania Senate failed to pass the Fair Funding Formula. This formula was created to help bring equity to some of our state's most under-funded school districts.

I've long been a proponent of pushing all education funding through what's known as the Fair Funding Formula. This formula was created to help bring equity to some of our state's most under-funded school districts.

In this newsletter, and send this money to folks who need it the most.

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During our budget negotiations, my colleagues across the aisle did not see the benefit of this massive investment in Pennsylvania. Though no investment was made, the federal stimulus dollars remain largely intact for now for Pennsylvania to use. That still gives me hope that this fall we can renew the discussions of how to best spend these federal dollars.

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When the American Rescue Plan, House Democrats in Harrisburg unveiled the Pennsylvania Rescue Plan. This plan aims to use the $7 million Pennsylvania received from the American Rescue Plan to help businesses, rebuild our infrastructure, invest in public health, support our workers, and strengthen our communities.

This pandemic has highlighted the inequities that so many of us already knew existed. It's my priority to continue to work with my colleagues to do everything we can to end those inequities.

We have students who can't take part in online schooling because they don't have access to affordable high-speed internet. Mom and Pop businesses have shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic, possibly to never reopen. This isn't the time to put this money away for a rainy day. This is the time to invest in our state and our people.

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Gun violence is taking the lives of too many of our friends, family members, and neighbors. It’s too young of an age. I’ve long supported increased funding to fight this threat, but it has yet to happen.

This funding is managed by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. It will be used to hire Violence Intervention Program staff who will work with the youth in their communities to push back against this violence. Grassroots organizations that know their neighborhoods the best and know what the needs are in their communities.

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Investing in clean energy jobs was the top topic of a hearing in Philadelphia earlier this summer. This is an opportunity to invest in our state and our people.

In Harrisburg, we discussed the need to help families afford accessible child care.

In our state, we must utilize every tool at our disposal to push back against this senseless violence. Grassroots organizations that will literally save lives. I’m confident these dollars will make an impact in our community as one of the many tools we must utilize to push back against this senseless violence.

Pennsylvania has education dollars allocated correctly through the Fair Funding Formula and I’ll continue to advocate for that. The majority of the investment will go to our neediest school districts, including the Philadelphia School District.

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In Allentown, we talked about how the PA Rescue Plan could benefit them. This isn’t aimed at only certain parts of the commonwealth. These investments the plan would make would benefit urban, suburban, and rural parts of our state. For example, investing in high-speed broadband internet to make it more accessible can help our students access educational opportunities while helping residents in rural counties access telehealth with our small towns and rural areas.

We could’ve invested in our small businesses, our frontline health care workers, and talked with everyday Pennsylvanians about how the PA Rescue Plan could benefit them. This isn’t aimed at only certain parts of the commonwealth. These investments plan would make would benefit urban, suburban, and rural parts of our state. For example, investing in high-speed broadband internet to make it more accessible can help our students access educational opportunities while helping residents in rural counties access telehealth with our small towns and rural areas.
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With that in mind, I strongly encourage you to get your COVID-19 vaccine and continue to wear a mask. It’s a simple way to protect yourself and our community. I have no personal issues with vaccines. The Centers for Disease Control recommends that you get vaccinated. Fully vaccinated Pennsylvanians are 8 times less likely to die from COVID-19, 7 times less likely to get COVID-19, and 97% of deaths, 95% of hospitalizations, and 94% of cases in Pennsylvania are among the unvaccinated. The data is in and clearly shows that the COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective. If you need help to get vaccinated, call 215-952-3378 or visit www.RepJordanHarris.com. The City of Philadelphia has many resources available for those who are homebound. If you’d like to schedule an appointment at a vaccination site run by the city, contact the city’s Department of Public Health at 215-685-5488. You can also visit www.vaccines.gov for vaccine information from the Centers for Disease Control.

As of July 21, 2021, the COVID-19 vaccine isn’t available for those under the age of 12. We need to do everything possible to keep them in school and keep them safe, and wearing a mask is our best way to do that. This story serves to highlight the special actions that happen in our community every single day by our friends and neighbors. It also serves as a reminder that some of our friends and neighbors are struggling, and I want to remind you that help is available by calling the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration at 1-800-662-4357. I’m proud that not only is Al an invaluable member of my staff, but he’s an integral part of our neighborhood organization and Al, for going above and beyond in your service to our community. Al’s quick actions may have saved a life that day. It is the actions of individuals like Al that make us strong. Thank you, Al, for going above and beyond in your service to our community.

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African Cultural Alliance of North America Office
6100 Oxford Ave. Suite 300
Philadelphia, PA 19143
Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Stephenson Avenue Office
2310 S. 13th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19148
Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Salvation Army Office
3225 Reed St.
Philadelphia, PA 19134
Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Any other state government issue

Unemployment Compensation issues
Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications
PennDOT services, such as car registrations or handicap placards
Birth and death certificates
Consumer complaints
PACE cards for senior citizens
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My staff is ready and able to help you with:

Getting vaccinated and continuing to wear masks in public, we’re doing everything we can to keep folks in school and businesses open. I want to continue protecting our community from the virus. For more information on the virus or the vaccine, please visit the Centers for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.
Earlier this year, one of my district office staff members, Al Custis, did something incredibly heroic for our community. Al serves as a Legislative Aide and Community Liaison for the Pennsylvania Department of Health Services Administration at 1-800-662-4357. For general questions about the virus or the vaccine, please visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

On Thursday, May 13, 2021, Al was working his regular shift at our district office when he noticed a car moving in our parking lot. Through our security cameras, Al saw a man driving erratically and unable to respond to traffic. Noting that the driver was acting under the influence, Al used his training as a Certified Community Health Worker to help prevent self-harm and contact police for assistance.

While waiting for law enforcement, Al went outside to investigate. He noticed a sleeping driver. He went outside to investigate, and was able to knock on the vehicle’s window to wake the driver up. Additionally, Al noticed that the car was moving slowly enough that Al could walk alongside and knock on the window. After attempting to respond, Al noticed a needle in the driver’s arm.

At this point, Al made the decision to get involved. He was able to get the driver’s side window open and put the car in park. The driver remained unresponsive, and Al called 911 and waited with the driver until medical help arrived. Al’s quick actions may have saved a life that day.

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