

## Time for Transformational Change in Education Funding

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY** - The Basic Education Funding Commission has completed its first week of hearings to gather input about how to best fund education in the Commonwealth.

It is clear there are no easy solutions to the challenges we face with our current system of public education, but it is equally clear we have a tremendous opportunity to provide transformational change for our students and our schools.

It is important to provide accountability and flexibility in funding, as we recognize no two school districts are alike. However, there are certain standards that must be universal to ensure each and every student has the opportunity to succeed. Student achievement must be the focus as the hearings continue.

For more information about upcoming hearings, to watch video of prior hearings or to submit comments to the commission, visit [basiceducationfundingcommission.com](http://basiceducationfundingcommission.com).



## House Archives Internship Opportunity

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY** - The Pennsylvania House of Representatives Archives Internship Program is currently accepting applications for the spring 2024 semester.

The 13-week internship is based at the Pennsylvania State Capitol and focuses on teaching archival processes and procedures. Interns also learn techniques for preparing and installing museum displays while working on rotating exhibits in the Capitol Complex. The internship has full-and part-time opportunities and is in-person only. Interns are compensated at a rate of \$12 per hour.

At the time of the internship, students must be attending a college or university in Pennsylvania OR be a resident of Pennsylvania; be a second-semester junior, senior or graduate student; and have a GPA of at least 3.0.

For more information or to fill out the application, click [here](#). Applications are due by Wednesday, Nov. 1



## Raising Cancer Awareness

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**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY** - Among many designations, the month of September is recognized as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, and Leukemia and Lymphoma Awareness Month.

It is an important reminder for all Pennsylvanians, regardless of age, to be aware of changes in their health that may indicate the development of cancer or other illness or disease. The American Cancer Society offers valuable resources to help people educate themselves on cancer risks and symptoms at [cancer.org](http://cancer.org). Of course, you are encouraged to consult with a doctor for a specific diagnosis.



Join us for a Fall bus tour of Jonathan Bond's Art Trail. Pennsylvania artist Jonathan Bond resides in rural Berks County where his art gallery is nestled among the gentle declivities of farmland. Jon draws inspiration from the rustic unspoiled scenery surrounding his home. His paintings reflect the awesome sunsets and atmospherics of the Kittatinny Ridge and iconic farmsteads of Pennsylvania Dutch Country. Jon works primarily in oils and egg tempera, most often on wood panels, and occasionally on scraps of cardboard when preparing studies or sketches. He also works in watercolour, silverpoint, and pen and ink. Jon has exhibited in countless juried shows and has been awarded numerous honors for his work. He has presented a dozen solo exhibitions. His art adorns homes, businesses and churches throughout eastern Pennsylvania and the United States.

2023 marks the 49th year of Jon's profession as a painter and graphic artist. Jon estimates that he's painted nearly 2,400 original paintings and designed more than 32,000 graphics for signs, murals, garments, vehicles, and advertisements.

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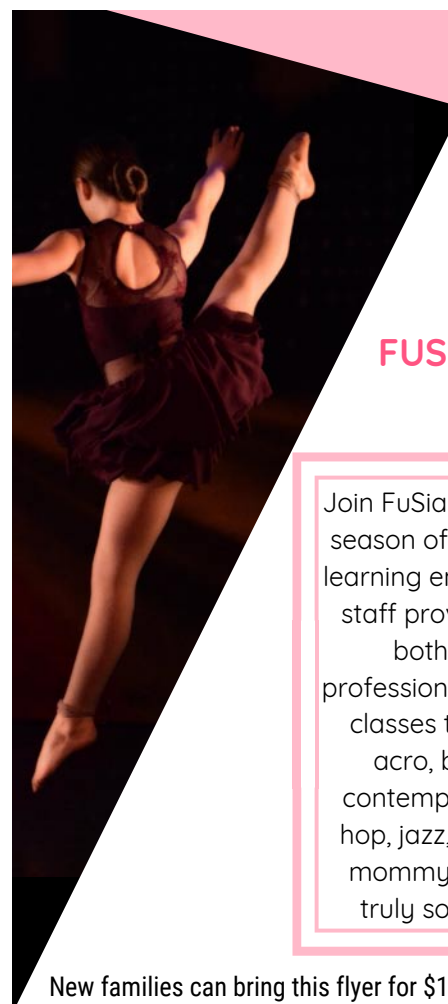
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