

# Bangor Area High School College and Career Fair

**When?** Friday, November 1st 2024, From 8:45–11:15\*

\*Please come 30 minutes early to set up  
**Where?** Bangor High School's Gymnasium

**Who should attend?** Any Slate Belt or Lehigh Valley employer who can offer 9–12th grade students afterschool/summer jobs, job shadowing opportunities, internships, apprenticeships, or mentorship. We are also opening the fair to employers who will hire students without college degrees after high school graduation.

*If you do not fit this criteria, we would be delighted to have you engage with our students as a "Lunch and Learn" guest speaker.*

Through college and career exploration events like these, we hope to connect our students to future opportunities that are well suited to both our individual students and the larger Lehigh Valley and Slate Belt communities. We hope you can make it!

If you are interested, please contact Alex Ludman at [ludmanal@bangorsd.org](mailto:ludmanal@bangorsd.org) for more details



## Bangor Area High School Partnership and Engagement Opportunities 2024-25

- **College and Career Fair** on November 1st, please see attached flyer
- **Lunch and Learn Sessions:** We're looking for guest speakers to present to our students on college and career pathways/preparation, mindfulness/mental health techniques, etc.
- **Vision Care:** We are looking for vision care for students without vision insurance. This has historically been a voucher program, where students get a free exam and pair of glasses.
- **Food/donations/gift cards:** Over the course of the year, we will be rewarding students for their positive behaviors, as well as teachers and staff for their hard work. Anything you can provide would help us greatly in creating a positive culture!

We welcome any and all engagement/partnership with our school! If you have any ideas, please reach out to [ludmanal@bangorsd.org](mailto:ludmanal@bangorsd.org). Thanks!

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## Strengthening Emergency Services Funding

By Senator Rosemary Brown

This week, I'm excited to share that a package of bills I've been working on has passed unanimously out of the House Local Government Committee. These bills aim to give municipalities, who are facing increasing demands and financial challenges, greater flexibility in funding emergency medical services (EMS) and fire companies.

Currently, municipalities can impose a local tax to support EMS, but only half of the revenue generated can be used for personnel costs. With these bills, we are expanding that provision to include fire companies, and more importantly, allowing municipalities to allocate a larger portion of these funds towards staffing. This is critical to addressing the shortages in qualified personnel that our EMS providers and fire companies are facing.

We're not raising taxes with this legislation, but we're making sure that local governments can maximize the revenue they already have to support the men and women who serve our communities. The current cap on how these funds can be used just isn't practical anymore. By giving local governments the ability to allocate more resources to hiring and retaining personnel, we're helping ensure that EMS and fire services remain strong and responsive to the needs of our residents.

Senate Bills 1132, 1133, and 1134 will continue to the full House for a vote before it proceeds to the Governor's desk for his signature. Our emergency services play a vital role in keeping our communities safe, and I'm proud to be working on legislation that directly supports them and our public safety.



## Child Care Tax Credit Supports Families, Communities

By Senator Rosemary Brown

The Pennsylvania Senate understands that supporting families helps create strong communities. We led the way in establishing the Child Care Tax Credit and increased it to provide relief to as many moms and dads as possible.

Because of the tax credit, more businesses can contribute toward their employees' child care benefits, providing financial relief to parents, beginning Jan. 1, 2025. Employer contributions may not count as the employee's income.

The tax credit allows employers to claim a tax credit equal to 30% of what they contribute toward an employee's child care benefits, up to \$500. If an employer chooses to make contributions to its employees, the employer must make equal contributions to all employees who have eligible child care costs.