

## Senate Approves Bill Improving Career & Technical Education

By Michael Ortoski

HARRISBURG - Senate Approves Bill Improving Career & Technical Education and Workforce Development in Pennsylvania

The Senate approved a comprehensive bill Wednesday that seeks to address deep-seated issues within our state's career and technical education system that have long stymied the growth of this critical component of post-secondary education options for Pennsylvania students.

House Bill 265 makes it easier for students to pursue career and technical education by modernizing the system, streamlining the process for students to receive and transfer credits, and removing barriers for students to be exposed to different training options and available career paths. Among other provisions, the bill:

Requires the creation of an online database to contain information on statewide and regional articulation agreements to allow users to be aware of these agreements before making course enrollment decisions.

Authorizes creation of the "The PASmart Online Career Resource Center," with information on career pathways, data and statistics on employment and compensation, and other relevant resources to help students understand all of the opportunities that are available to them after graduation.

Establishes a grant program to support the creation of workforce development partnerships between schools, employers, trade associations, and other organizations to create pathways to training and employment.

The bill is now headed to the House of Representatives for concurrence on Senate amendments. Senate Approves Measure for Financial Knowledge Graduation Credit

The Senate approved a measure on Monday that will allow students to apply their practical financial knowledge toward their school district's graduation requirements.

Senate Bill 723 will require public schools to allow students to apply personal finance credits towards satisfying graduation requirements. The bill gives schools the discretion to determine the graduation credit requirement to which the credit earned would be applied. Senate Bill 723 now goes to House of Representatives for consideration.

## Release of the 2020 Northampton County Budget

By Becky Bartlett

EASTON - Lamont McClure released the 2020 County of Northampton's Proposed Budget and Capital Improvements Plan on Thursday, October 3rd.

The \$445,102,600 budget does not feature a tax increase for Northampton County residents. Spending has been cut 5.6% over last year due to a decrease in capital expenses and a lowering of the debt service. (In 2019, the County purchased the Human Services building in Bethlehem for \$14.6 million.)

The 2020 budget includes \$2.7 million for capital improvements to County property and \$3 million in funds to preserve Farmland, Open Space and Environmentally Sensitive Land. Protecting land will help prevent warehouse proliferation.

Legacy costs for the P-3 Project have been provided. During the John Brown administration a P3, or Public-Private-Partnership, was formed in which bridge projects would be submitted as a group.



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A benefit exhibit for  
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Curated by Deborah Rabinsky

Exhibit:  
September 9 - October 25, 2019  
Artist Reception: September 12, 6-8pm

The Fine Art Galleries at  
Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center  
522 West Maple Street at Bayard Rustin Way  
Allentown, PA 18101  
[www.bradburysullivancenter.org](http://www.bradburysullivancenter.org)



Painting by Angela Lender

The Fine Art Galleries at Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center present *Rising Above: Works of Art by Lehigh Valley Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence*. This exhibit features works by current and former clients of Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, the region's non-profit agency providing programs and services to support people affected by domestic violence and intimate partner violence. The exhibit, curated by Deborah Rabinsky, is a benefit for Turning Point of Lehigh Valley. On display from September 9 through October 25, the community is invited to join Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center and Turning Point of Lehigh Valley for an artist reception on September 12 from 6-8pm.

[www.turningpointlv.org](http://www.turningpointlv.org)

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 Sun 10am Worship. Rev. Sukja Bang  
 (610) 588-7818,  
 www.ackermanvilleumc.org

**Bangor Church of the Nazarene**  
**150 Bunny Trail, Bangor**  
 Sun 9:30am SS, 10:40am Worship  
 (Children's Church to grade 2), 5pm  
 Powerhouse Praise Practice, 6pm Teen  
 Straight Talk & Small Groups. Kenneth  
 L. Bean, Pastor  
 (610) 588-6929

**Belfast Bible****483 Belfast Rd., Belfast**

Sunday School (all ages) 9:30am, Wor-  
 ship 10:45am, Evening Service 7pm.  
 Pastor Michael Yaworski.

**Belfast Wesley United Methodist**  
**607 School St., Belfast**  
 Children's SS & Adult SS 9am, Wor-  
 ship 10am, coffee fellowship following  
 worship. Pastor Paul Milligan. (610)  
 746-3652.

**Benders Mennonite Church**  
**975 Benders Church Rd., Pen Argyl**  
 Sun Worship service every Sunday at  
 10:10am; Food Bank 3rd Saturday of  
 the month 9-11am. 610-863-9114.

**Bethel Bible Church of Mt. Zion**  
**7742 N. Delaware Dr. (Rt. 611),  
 Martins Creek**  
 Free Bread Every Saturday, 3eryone  
 welcome, questions 908-483-8231;  
 Sunday School 9am, Sunday Morning  
 Worship 10am. Pastor Rick Tunis, 610-  
 250-9890. Learn about us online  
 www.bethelbiblechurchofmtzion.org.

**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**703 S. Delaward Dr. (Rt 611),  
 Mt. Bethel (Stone Church)**  
 Every Sunday- 9am Worship, Commu-  
 nion offered 1st & 3rd Sundays.  
 610-588-7056, www.celcpa.org

**Clearfield Bible Holiness Church**  
**1502 Bushkill Ctr Rd, Wind Gap**  
 Sun- SS 10:15am, Worship 11:15am &  
 3pm. Pastor Donald Herrick.  
 (812) 653-3975.

**Community Baptist**  
**Weona Park Center, Pen Argyl**  
 Sun - Bible study 7pm. Separate  
 class for age 10 & under.

**Community Presbyterian**  
**1755 S Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel**  
 Sun. - SS 9:15am, Worship service  
 10:30am, Coffee hour on last sunday of  
 every month following service.  
 www.mtbethelpresbyterian.org,  
 (570) 897-6766.

**Cross Road Baptist Church**  
**201 Second St., Bangor**  
 Sun- 9:15am Praise Sing, 9:30am SS,  
 10:45am Worship; Wed- 7pm Prayer/

Bible Study. Rev. Jay VanHorn, Pastor  
 (610) 588-3966,  
 www.crossroadbaptistbangor.org

**The Lady's Guild of Our Lady of Vic-  
 tory R.C. Church, Tannersville** will hold  
 a Chicken Cordon Blue Dinner on April  
 28th. We would appreciate your help  
 in advertising this year's event without  
 cost to the church.

**The East Bangor United Methodist**  
**Community Church**  
 Thurs., Oct. 10  
 -1:00 p.m. Bazaar Workshop  
 -6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
 Sat., Oct. 12 -8:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting  
 Sun., Oct. 13 -8:30 a.m. Choir Re-  
 hearsal -9:15 a.m. 154th Anniversary  
 Service Guest Speaker: Rev. Chris  
 Hardy -10:30 a.m. Covered Dish Lun-  
 cheonPastor David Goss  
 (610) 588-4453 Dial-A-Message  
 (610) 588-3896 www.ebumc.org

**Faith Alive Community Church**  
**10 Mechanic St, Wind Gap**  
 Tues- 6pm Ladies Prayer Meeting (2nd  
 Tues); Wed- 6:30pm Revival Prayer,  
 7:15pm Adult Bible Study; Sat- 10-2pm  
 Prayer Stop (1st Sat); Sun- 9:15am  
 Family Fellowship, 9:30am Interces-  
 sory Prayer, 10am Worship, 10:45am  
 Children's Church, Communion at  
 10:30am (1st Sun). Pastor Matthew  
 Whistler. (610) 863-6911,  
 www.faccpa.org

**Faith United Presbyterian**  
**Penna. & Heller Aves., Pen Argyl**  
 Sun.- 9am Choir, 10am Worship/  
 Communion/Food Bank/Church School.  
 (610) 836-4447

**Family Life Community Church**  
**1115 Richmond Rd, Bangor**  
 Wed- Kidz Night Out at The Hub 6:30-  
 8pm (kids 6 thru 6th gr.); Thurs- Teen  
 Night Out at The Hub 6:30-8pm (gr.  
 7-9); Sun- 10am Celebration Service.  
 Pastor Mike Poppa. 610-588-3736,  
 www.flccbBangor.com.

**First United Evangelical**  
**25 S 2nd St., Bangor**  
 Sun. - 7pm Prayer Meeting & Bible  
 Study; Jan 20- 9am Prayer Meeting,  
 9:30am Church School, 10:30am Wor-  
 ship. Pastor Ronald Shipman at  
 (610) 588-3226

**First United Methodist Church**  
**55 N. Third St., Bangor**  
 Worship every Sunday at 11am, Adult  
 and Children Sunday Schools 9:45am,  
 Communion first Sunday of month,  
 Wednesday evening Bible Study  
 6:30pm. Pastor Chris Hardy  
 (610) 588-4673.

**First United Methodist**  
**19 West & Water St., Wind Gap**  
 Sun.- 9am SS, 10am Worship/Commu-  
 nion, 11am Fellowship on 1st Sunday of  
 each month. Pastor John Vidal  
 (570) 426-0645

**Flicksville United Church of Christ**  
 1337 Lower South Main Street  
 Bangor, PA 18013

Pastor Ken Hess  
 610-588-4648  
 www.flicksvilleucc.com  
 Sunday School at 9:30 AM  
 Worship at 10:45 AM  
 All are welcome!

**God's Missionary Church**  
**of Northampton**  
**4965 Nor. Bath Blvd (Rt 329),  
 Northampton, PA**  
 Sun- SS 9:30am, Service 10:30 & 7pm,  
 Youth Service 6:30pm; Wed- Prayer  
 Meeting 7:30pm. Rev. Rodney Keister.  
 (610) 262-4412.  
 http://GMC-N.com

**Good Shepherd Evangelical**  
**Lutheran Church,**  
**2904 Church Rd, Martins Creek PA**  
 Sunday Worship Service 9:00 am. Adult  
 Bible Study Following Worship. Pastor  
 Louise Williams.  
 www.goodshepherdmc.com

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
**5907 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth**  
 Tue. - 6:30pm Choir; Jan 20- 9am  
 Service/Communion, 10:15am SS,  
 10:30am Confirmation/Adult Forum.  
 (610) 759-9080, www.gracebelfast.org

**Grace United Methodist**  
**404 Mountain Ave., Pen Argyl**  
 Sun.- 8:30am Contemporary, 10am  
 Blended, 10am SS. Nursery care avail-  
 able at all services. Rev. J. Timothy  
 Fisher. (610) 863-4811. www.worshipat-  
 grace.org

**Holy Trinity Orthodox Church**  
**1501 Trinity Court, Stroudsburg**  
 Divine Liturgy Sundays 9:30 AM;  
 Vespers Saturday 6:30 PM. (570) 421-  
 4455, www.holytrinitypoconos.org.

**Hopesprings Community of Faith**  
**301 Market Street, Bangor**  
 Sun-Services 10am. Jonathan Alman-  
 zar, Lead Pastor. 855-INFO-HOPE.  
 www.hopespringscommunity.org.

**Hope UCC**  
**2nd & Cherry St., Wind Gap**  
 Sun- 10:30am Worship (Communion  
 1st Sunday of the month). All are wel-  
 come! SS every other Friday.  
 Pastor Emily B. Hall. (610) 863-4474

**Living Waters Christian Church**  
**396 Sterling Rd. Unit D, Tobyhanna**  
 Thurs- 6pm Christian Edu Sun- 9:15am  
 Christian Edu, 10:30am Worship. Rev.  
 Dr. Jacqueline R. Walters  
 570-350-4710

**Mt. Bethel Church**  
**A Church of the Lutheran Brethren**  
**1270 Belvidere Cr. Rd, Mt. Bethel**  
 Sun.- 8:30am Traditional Service ,  
 11am Contemporary Service Visit our  
 website www.mountbethelchurch.org or  
 call (570) 897-7142 for info.

**Our Lady of Good Counsel**  
 436 South 2nd Street  
 Bangor, PA 18013  
 Rectory (610) 588-5445  
 Parish Website: www.ourladystvincent.

com Mass Schedule  
 Weekdays 8AM excluding Thursdays  
 (See Church Website)  
 Saturday 4 PM Sunday 8:30 AM  
 Holy Days (See Church Website)  
 Saturday Confessions 3:25-3:45 PM

**Our Lady of Victory R.C. Church,**  
 Tannersville, PA will hold a Free Com-  
 munity Dinner on Sunday, July 21st  
 from 3pm to 4pm. They would appreci-  
 ate your assistance in advertising this  
 dinner without cost to the Church.  
**Portland Baptist Church**  
**601 Delaware Ave., Portland**  
 Sun- Sunday School 9am, Service  
 10:30am; Wed- Bible Study 10:30 with  
 Prayer Meeting to follow. Elevator and  
 rampsWe are handicap accessible with  
 automatic doors, elevator and restroom.  
 (570) 897-6866  
 www.portlandbaptistchurch.com

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**  
**2445 Lake Minsi Dr., Bangor**  
 Saturday Worship: 1st & 3rd 5:30 pm.  
 Sunday School starts at 8:30am (Sep-  
 tember-May )  
 Sunday Service- 9:45am  
 Holy Communion is served weekly. All  
 are welcome!

**Presbyterian Parish of**  
**Bangor-Roseto**  
**332 Kennedy Dr., Bangor**  
 Sun.- Worship 10:30am. Rev. Albert  
 Martin. (610) 588-4864, email presbyteri-  
 anbr@frontiernet.net.  
 www.facebook.com/Presbyterybr

**Richmond United Methodist Church**  
**8538 Delaware Dr, Bangor**  
 Sun.- Service 10am; 4th Sunday Fel-  
 lowship Hour; Christmas Eve Candle-  
 light Services 4pm and 7pm. Pastor Ed  
 Van Arsdale. (610) 588-7317

**The Roseto Independent**  
**Presbyterian Church**  
**210 Garibaldi Ave, Roseto**  
 Sunday Worship Services 9:15am  
 Greeting/Welcoming, 9:30am Service.  
 All Welcome. Rev. Barry Eng. (610)  
 599-9949, www.RIPC-OnlineToday.org.

**Slate Belt - Nazareth Baptist**  
**1620 Church Rd, Pen Argyl**  
 Sun.- 9:30am SS, 10:30am Worship &  
 Children's Church (nursery provided),  
 5:30pm Bible Study. Pastor Scott J.  
 Davis. (570) 664-4603.

**St. Brigid's Episcopal Church,**  
**Nazareth.**  
 Delete Sunday school  
 Holy Eucharist @ 9:30 a.m.  
 St. Brigid's Episcopal Church  
 310 Madison Avenue  
 Nazareth, PA 18064  
 Phone: 610-746-3910  
 Fax: 610-746-4515

**St. Elizabeth's Parish**  
**300 West Babbitt Ave., Pen Argyl**  
 Sun.- Masses 8am, 9:30am & 11am.  
 Rev. Msgr. Vincent P. York.  
 610-863-4777

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran**

**12 N. Westbrook, Pen Argyl**  
 Sun.- 8:45am SS, 10am Worship/Holy  
 Communion. (610) 863-4332

**St. Joseph's Episcopal**  
**1440 Verona Dr., W. Bangor**  
 Jan 20- Eucharist 11am; Christmas Eve  
 Service 4pm. Rev. Joel Atkinson. Coffee  
 hour after service.

**St. Luke's U.C.C. Belfast**  
**471 Belfast Rd., Nazareth (Belfast)**  
 SS 9am, Worship 10:30am. Rev. Frank  
 Gassler. 610-759-0244.  
 www.stlukesuccbelfast.com

**St. Mary's Episcopal**  
**340 Lehigh St., Wind Gap**  
 Sun.- service 9am. Coffee hour follows  
 service. Rev. Joel Atkinson.  
 Maundy Thursday Service will be held  
 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church Wind  
 Gap at 5:30 P.M. Easter Morning Ser-  
 vice will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal  
 Church Wind Gap at 9:00 a.m.

**St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran**  
**1422 Church Rd, Pen Argyl**  
 Sun.- Bible Study 11am, Praise Band  
 7pm; Jan 19- Youth Choir 6pm, Adult  
 Choir 7:30pm; Jan 20- Services 8am  
 and 10:15am, 9am SS.  
 (610) 863-6859

**St. Vincent dePaul**  
 720 Delaware Avenue  
 Portland, PA 18351  
 Rectory (610) 588-5445  
 Mass Schedule Weekdays (at OLCG)  
 Saturday 6 PM Sunday 10:30 AM  
 Holy Days (See Church Website)  
 Saturday Confessions 5:40-5:50 PM

**The Pentecostal Christian**  
**Church the Truth**  
**(Iglesia Pentecostal La Verdad)**  
**4 Jory Ave Pen Argyl**  
 Sun.- Prayer 14- Sunday School  
 (Escuela Dominical) 12 noon, Praise &  
 Worrship (Cuho Evangelistico) 1pm.

**Temple Israel of the Poconos**  
**Egalitarian Conservative Synagogue**  
**660 Wallace Street, Stroudsburg**  
 Sabbath Services: Friday evening 7pm  
 followed by a Traditional Oneg Shabbat.  
 Saturday morning 9:30am followed by a  
 traditional Kiddush. Dr. Sandra Alfonsi  
 570-223-7062.

**Trinity United Church of Christ**  
 632 S Delaware Dr.  
 Mt Bethel Pa 18343  
 Sunday Worship 10:30 am SS and  
 Confirmation 9:00 am Rev. Rodney  
 Wells pastor

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran**  
**404 Broadway, Bangor**  
 Thur - Christian Ed 6:30pm, Choir  
 7:30pm; Jan 20- SS 9am, Worship/  
 Communion 10am. Pastor Laine. (610)  
 588-2023, www.tlcbangor.com.

**Zion Presbyterian Church**  
**Water St., Wind Gap**  
 Sun.- Rev. Albert Martin will be speak-  
 ing at the 9:30am service. Children SS  
 during the service. Visitors welcome.  
 (610) 863-8896.