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New Law Aims to Boost Early Literacy

By By Rep. Joe Emrick

Recognizing reading as the foundation of education success, I am pleased to report legislation I supported in the House to boost early literacy has been signed into law.

Statistics show half of Pennsylvania's fourth graders are reading below their grade level. In fact, results of the Future Ready PA Index, released earlier this week, show a decrease from 54.5% to 53.9% proficiency in English Language Arts. Proficiency rates in math and science increased slightly.

Since childhood reading difficulties can produce long-term effects and limit



our children's chances at success, it is important we are proactive in advancing child literacy and intervening with students who may need additional help

Heating Assistance Program Now Open

By By Rep. Joe Emrick

With cold weather knocking at the door, residents who struggle with their home heating bills are reminded they can now apply for assistance from the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

LIHEAP is a federally funded program that helps individuals and families pay their heating bills through home heating energy assistance grants. It also provides crisis grants to help in the event of an emergency or if a resident is in danger of losing his or her heat due to broken equipment, lack of fuel or termination of utility service.



The income eligibility guidelines for LIHEAP are set at 150% of the federal poverty income level. For example, the gross income limit for an individual is \$22,590 and for a family of four it is \$46,800.

Residents may apply for LIHEAP online at www.compass.state.pa.us, by phone at 1-866-550-4355 or by contacting my district offices at 610-746-5090 (Nazareth) or 484-544-0146 (Palmer).

Click here for additional information. The program runs through April 4, 2025.