

Local School Districts to Receive \$12 Million in Federal Funding

By Michael Ortoski

HARRISBURG – Rep. Joe Emrick (R-Northampton) announced today that school districts in the 137th Legislative District will receive nearly \$12 million in federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding as part of the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CCRSA).



“I am pleased that our local school districts are able to get this funding as it will allow them to continue to provide our children with an education, despite the obstacles caused by this pandemic,” said Emrick.

The funding for each school district is as follows:

- Nazareth Area School District - \$1.45 million.
- Easton Area School District - \$8.56 million.
- Bangor Area School District - \$1.87 million.

As part of the CCRSA, Congress and the current administration established and appropriated a total of \$54.3 billion for the ESSER Fund. Funding is distributed to states based on each state’s proportionate share of Title I, Part A (Title I-A) funding. ESSER funds are intended to support COVID-19 response efforts and may be spent on a wide range of allowable activities.

Pennsylvania’s share of this funding is approximately \$2.22 billion, which will be distributed to the state’s school districts and charter schools based on the Title I-A formula. This funding is on top of the \$471 million that was distributed to school districts last year through the CARES Act.

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new minority businesses for certification and development through a new certification grant program, named after The GIANT Company, which will focus on food retail, consumer packaged goods, and support services companies. In addition, The Greater Harrisburg Area NAACP ACT-SO Program will receive \$5,000 to help encourage African American high school students through coaching and enrichment in the areas of sciences, humanities, the performing arts, the visual arts, and business entrepreneurship.

“Dr. King’s dream of racial equality still resonates today throughout our local communities and with the work being done by organizations such as the ones we are supporting today,” said Aaysha Noor, head of diversity and inclusion, The GIANT Company. “The GIANT Company is committed to working together to effect long-lasting change and make a difference. In addition to supporting local community efforts, we are also funding internal efforts within our organization to create a culture of inclusion for all team members, supplier partners and customers with efforts focused on diversity and inclusion education, awareness, training and professional development.”

Today’s donations are part of The GIANT Company’s overall \$500,000 commitment announced last fall and part of a \$5 million commitment made by parent company, Ahold Delhaize USA, to support racial equality and diversity and inclusion efforts. To date, local recipient organizations have included Urban League of Philadelphia, Boys & Girls Clubs, HACC – Central Pennsylvania’s Community College, NAACP Pennsylvania, five YWCA Pennsylvania chapters, and the Borough of Steelton for its Steelton Unity Park.



Content Sale

Columbia Self Storage will sell the contents of the occupant’s leased space at public auction to satisfy the owner’s lien on StorageTreasures.com all personal property stored in this facility by: Unit #105 Terry Frey, Unit #106 Jared Polcari, Unit #245 Shana Ceaser. All units consisting of boxes and misc. items. Unit #137 Zachary Aman, consisting of boxes, appliances, and misc. items. Unit #229 Brynne Krizay, consisting of boxes, furniture, appliances, and misc. items. Items will be offered for sale by auction to the highest bidder for enforcement of storage liens.

Auction will be held at 9AM, Tuesday, January 26, 2021 on StorageTreasures.com.

All auction sales are FINAL. Cash only and paid at Columbia Self Storage, 1059 Pennsylvania Ave., Pen Argyl, PA 18072. Columbia Self Storage reserves the right to refuse any bid.

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Open Council Seat in Pen Argyl

At their meeting on January 5, 2021, Pen Argyl Borough Council received and accepted with regret a letter of resignation from Councilwoman Roberta Cowley.

At the January 26, 2021 Council workshop meeting, Council will be considering candidates to replace Ms. Cowley. Interested persons must be registered to vote, a resident of Pen Argyl for at least one (1) full year and be a resident of the Fourth Ward (Fourth Ward residents vote at Borough Hall). Letters of interest should be sent to: Pen Argyl Borough, 11 North Robinson Ave., Pen Argyl, PA 18072 Attn: Borough Manager or emailed to manager@penargylborough.com no later than January 22, 2021 at 12 Noon.

Residents of the Fourth Ward interested in applying for the seat should attend the January 26, 2021 Council Workshop. The meeting is at 7:00 P.M. and will be held via ZOOM, please include your email address in your letter of intent so link can be sent to you. It is Council’s intent to appoint a new Councilperson from the Fourth Ward by the March 2, 2021 Council Meeting.

Vacancies on various boards:

Pen Argyl Athletic & Park Association- One (1) Vacancy

- The “Park Board” meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. One (1) vacancy is for a resident who is a member of a community organization promoting the Park.
- The Board makes recommendations regarding the maintenance of and operation of the facilities located at Weona Park.

Disruptive Conduct Appeals Board- Vacancies are: Alternate Owner, Tenant, Alternate Tenant, Member of recognized community group Delegate and Alternate. This Board presides over any person aggrieved by any decision of a police officer or Building Official regarding a disruptive conduct report or the revocation of a residential rental registration or residential rental license based upon the issuance of disruptive conduct reports. It meets as needed.

- The Disruptive Conduct Board of Appeals shall be a body of five members consisting of a Council person who shall serve as Chairperson, the Chief of Police or his/her designee; an owner, operator, responsible agent or manager of a residential rental unit(s) in the Borough of Pen Argyl; an occupant of a residential rental unit residing in the Borough of Pen Argyl; and a member of a community group recognized by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pen Argyl.

Civil Service Commission- Three (3) Vacancies

- The Commission has the power to prescribe, amend, and enforce rules and regulations governing police appointments and promotions. In addition, the Commissioners hold appeal hearings on disciplinary actions, when appropriate.
- ***This Commission is presently dormant and does not have these powers as the Borough went to a Regional Police Force. However, it is the opinion of the Solicitor that we continue its membership.***

If you have any questions, call the Borough office at 610-863-4119.