

# CARES Act Package Supports Education at All Levels

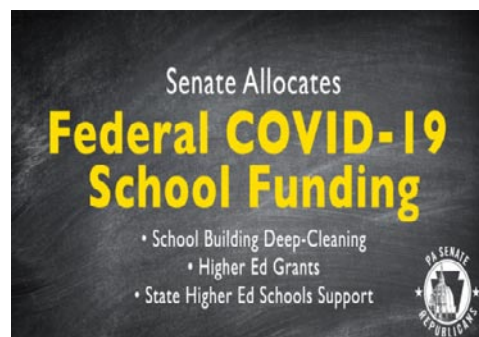
By Senator Scavella

PEN ARGYL - As part of a package of bills approved by the Senate and signed into law last week, additional funding from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act will support all levels of education from early childhood through college.

A new \$150 million grant program will help school districts reopen safely in the fall by supporting training, equipment purchases and services to minimize the risk of infection. Some of the eligible uses for the grants will include health monitoring equipment, sanitation, personal protective equipment, educational technology for distance learning and other health and safety programs.

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency will receive more than \$42 million, including \$30 million for state grants. An additional \$30 million will support the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education with costs incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education will also receive an additional \$7 million for Pre-K Counts and \$2 million for Head Start. More information on passage of the CARES Act funding and the interim state budget that funds education for the entire 2020-21 school year is available here <https://is-sue.pasenategop.com/state-budget/>.



To: Residents of Bangor Borough, Northampton County, PA

## Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Permit – Public Outreach Message

The goals of all MS4 programs as required by PADEP are to reduce the discharge of pollutants from the Borough to protect water quality and to satisfy requirements of the Clean Water Act. Bangor Borough would like you to remember that the water and any items that go into a storm sewer go directly into streams. This water is not cleaned in any way and does not go to the wastewater treatment plant. Bangor Borough needs all of its residents to assist us in keeping our stormwater and storm sewer system clean by doing the following:

- ✓ Dispose of water properly
- ✓ Clean up after your pets
- ✓ Use fertilizers properly and efficiently to prevent excess pollutant runoff
- ✓ Store materials that could pollute stormwater indoors
- ✓ Monitor stormwater inlets near your property.

Residents may be the first to recognize “illicit” discharges dumping into storm sewers or coming out of storm sewer outfalls. If you see an “illicit” discharge, please report it to the Borough by one of the following methods:

- Call the Borough office at 1-610-588-2216
- Fax the Borough office at 1-610-588-6468

## What You Can Do

Here are some of the most important ways for Borough residents to prevent stormwater pollution:

- ✓ Properly dispose of hazardous substances, such as used motor oil, cleaning supplies and paint - **never pour them down any part of the storm sewer system, and report anyone who does.**
- ✓ Use pesticides, fertilizers and herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff of these items.
- ✓ Look for signs of soil and other pollutants, such as debris and chemicals, leaving construction sites in stormwater runoff or tracked onto roads by construction vehicles. Report poorly managed construction sites that could impact stormwater runoff to the Borough.
- ✓ Install innovative stormwater practices on residential properties, such as rain barrels or rain gardens, that capture stormwater and keep it on-site instead of letting it drain away into the storm sewer system.
- ✓ Report any discharge from stormwater outfalls during times of dry weather (72 hours after rain event) - there could be a problem.
- ✓ Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly. No matter where pets make a mess - in a backyard or on open space - stormwater runoff can carry pet waste from the land to the storm sewer system to a stream.
- ✓ Store materials that could pollute water indoors and use containers for outdoor storage that do not rust or leak to eliminate exposure of materials to stormwater.

To learn about water quality and simple ways to protect our water log onto EPA’s Toolbox <http://www.epa.gov/gateway/learn/water.html> or DEP’s Toolbox

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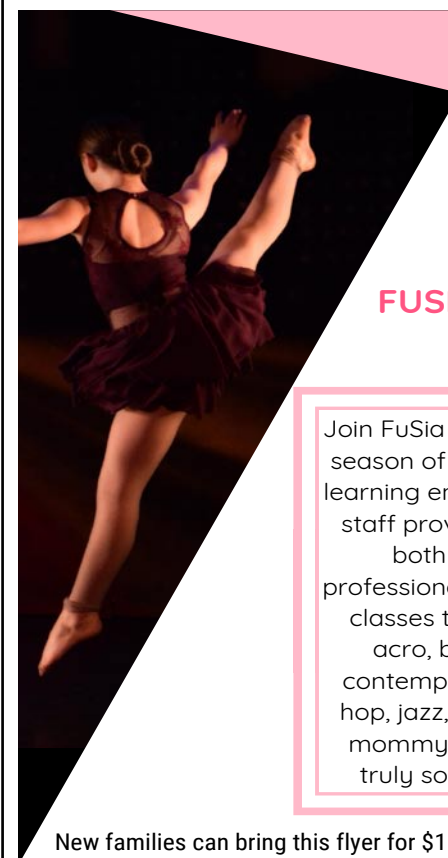
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## Intermittent Faults

Some breakdown calls are hard to solve in a single visit. Intermittent problems are the worst when it comes to solving them on one trip. Of course if we replaced every possible component that could cause the problem we could fix it in one visit but the cost would be way too high and several good parts would be sent to the junk pile.

Warranty problems happen occasional too but the manufacturer will not replace parts that are not known to be defective so finding the root of the problem and repairing or replacing something is a real challenge. There is always a cause for failure and many times it is not obvious. Rarely they may be caused a power surge or some invisible force but most times there is a defective component at the heart of it. Most controls in modern equipment are all circuit boards and don't have any moving parts. In the higher efficiency units there are pressure, temperature and electrical sensors. They are located all over the unit so that conditions can be monitored for safety to stop the unit before any damage would occur and also to control the speed of the fan and compressor. All of these controls are connected with very small wires and they are routed through places with sharp corners and lots of vibration. When we go on any call that seems like everything is fine now when it wasn't fine yesterday we look for rubbed wires. Of course the place they are rubbed is the tightest spaces in the belly of the beast. Many of the newer units have LEDs on them that may indicate the reason a unit stopped. When a sensor fails or a wire rubs through, that error code does not show accurate information but it does stop the unit. Sometimes resetting things and allowing it to run for a while will make the fault show up. Sometimes it never shows up again. Being handy and having a conversation with your service technician may help them help you and save some money too if doesn't take multiple visits to diagnose a problematic system. Sometimes powering off and back on resets a system. On the mini split type of system you may have to do some finger magic on the remote control to reset it. The technician can find that information in the service manual and pass it along. Gathering as much operation and malfunction information as possible is extremely helpful when it comes to fixing an intermittent problem.

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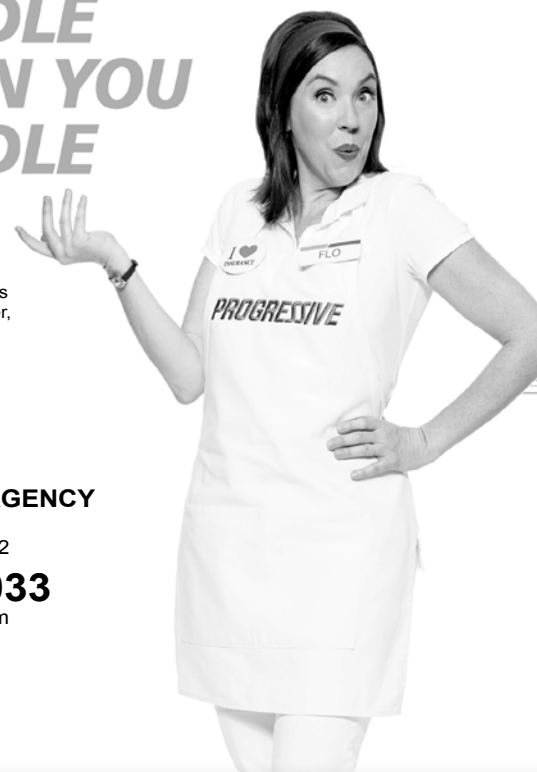
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