



State Representative
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NEWS & EVENTS

Pennsylvania's 2026–27 Budget: Investing in Schools, Families, and Communities—Without Raising Taxes

By State Rep. Tarah Probst

I am proud to share that Pennsylvania has enacted the 2026–27 state budget—a budget that delivers meaningful investments for families, schools, workers, seniors, and communities across the Commonwealth, all without tax increases.

This budget reflects our commitment to responsible government and ensures that taxpayer dollars are invested where they matter most. It strengthens public education, supports affordability, improves public safety, and provides the resources our communities need to thrive.

One of the biggest victories for our region is the continued investment in our local schools. The 2026-27 budget provides:

\$6 million in increased funding for the East Stroudsburg Area School District

\$2.6 million in increased funding for the Stroudsburg Area School District

\$214,000 in increased funding for the Delaware Valley School District

These investments help our schools provide students with the resources, opportunities, and safe learning environments they need to succeed.

This budget delivers many victories for Pennsylvania families, including:

No broad-based tax increases — protecting taxpayers while continuing to invest in the services and programs communities rely on.

Historic continued investment in public education — including increased funding for schools, special education, school safety, and student support programs.

More support for our students and educators — helping schools provide stronger opportunities for every child and supporting the next generation of educators.

A stronger focus on school safety and student well-being — including investments in mental health resources, violence prevention, and safer learning environments.

More affordable living for working families — including efforts to provide tax relief, strengthen consumer protections, and address rising costs.

Support for affordable housing opportunities — helping families, seniors, and working Pennsylvanians find and maintain a place to call home.

Investments in public safety and first responders — ensuring law enforcement, firefighters, and emergency personnel have the resources they need to protect our communities.

Support for local jobs and economic growth — including workforce development, career and technical education, apprenticeships, small businesses, agriculture, and innovation.

A commitment to seniors, veterans, and retirees — recognizing those who served our communities and our Commonwealth.

Targeted retirement Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLAs) for eligible public servants who dedicated their careers to serving Pennsylvania. The retirement COLA provisions apply only to:

Police officers and firefighters who retired at least five years ago; and•

Public school employees and state employees who retired before July 2, 2001.

These adjustments recognize the dedicated service of individuals who spent their careers protecting our communities, educating our children, and serving the people of Pennsylvania.

There are many victories in this budget—from stronger schools and safer communities to investments that help families manage everyday costs. This is what responsible governing looks like: making smart investments, delivering results, and ensuring Pennsylvania remains a place where families can build a future.

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TUESDAY JULY 21	WEDNESDAY JULY 22	THURSDAY JULY 23	FRIDAY JULY 24	SATURDAY JULY 25
9:00 AM Judging of Entries 9:30-11:00 AM Placing of Entries in baked goods, including Great American Apple Pie and Chocolate Cakes/Cookies and Fruit/Vegetable Bread Contest 1:00-9:00 PM Entering of livestock entries 1:00 PM Judging of Apple Pies and Chocolate Cakes/Cookies/Vegetable/Fruit Breads 6:30 PM Tractor Pull (ITTP) (Admission \$5.00) 7:00 PM Opening Ceremony 7:00-9:30 PM Entertainment - "Christophe Eckert Music" (Gospel/Oldies)	9:30 AM Open and Youth Dairy Show - Beginning 5:00 PM Bar-B-Q Chicken (while supplies last) 6:30 PM ITTP Truck and Tractor Pull (Admission \$10.00, under 6 free) 7:00 PM Pie-eating Contest 7:00-9:00 PM Kids' Photo ID and Fingerprinting 7:30-10:30 PM Entertainment - "October Rose Band" (country music)	9:00 AM-1:00 PM Steer entries - Beginning 5:00 PM Bar-B-Q Chicken (while supplies last) 5:30 PM Open Sheep Show and Market Goats 6:00-9:00 PM Entertainment by "Balloons the Clown" 6:00 & 7:00 PM Presentation by Pocono Wildlife Rehab Center 5:30 PM Spinning Demo by Second Saturday Spinners 6:30 PM ITTP Truck and Tractor Pull (Admission \$15.00, under 6 free) 7:00-9:00 PM Kids' Photo ID and Fingerprinting 7:30-10:30 PM Entertainment - "Steel Creek" (country music)	9:00 AM Judging of Steer show 2:30 PM Open Goat Show - Beginning 5:00 PM Bar-B-Q Chicken (while supplies last) 6:00-9:00 PM Entertainment by Joe Keppel, Magician 7:00 PM 4-H Fashion Revue 7:30-10:30 PM Entertainment - "Time Whys" (60's, 70's, 80's music) 7:00 PM Old School Promotions Junk Car Races (Admission \$10.00, under 6 free)	8:30-10:30 AM Breakfast served 9:00-10:00 AM Kiddy Pedal Tractor Pull Registration (\$2.00) 10:00 AM Kiddy Pedal Tractor Pull (tractor provided) 10:00 AM Entertainment by "Amazing Ambrose" 2:00-5:30 PM Entertainment Emily Neel Band featuring Emily Mack - Beginning 5:00 PM Bar-B-Q Chicken (while supplies last) 6:00 PM Round Robin Showmanship Competition 6:30 PM Watermelon Eating Contest 7:30-11:00 PM Entertainment - "Midnight Special" (country music) 7:00 PM Old School Promotions Power Wheels - Demolition Derby by Old School Promotions immediately following Kids Power Wheels (Admission \$10.00 includes Adult Demo Derby and Kids Power Wheels under 6 free)

EVERY NIGHT AT THE FAIR!

- FAMOUS BAR-B-Q CHICKEN (while supplies last) (Minus Monday)
- FOOD STANDS OPEN AT 5:00 PM (except Saturday)
- EXHIBIT BUILDINGS OPEN 5:00 PM TO 10:00 PM

FAMILY FUN FOR EVERYONE!

- COMPLIMENTARY PONY RIDES (for children under 50 lbs) Tuesday thru Friday 6 to 9 PM
- COMPLIMENTARY FACE PAINTING Tuesday thru Friday 6 to 9 PM
- VISIT GUS AND HOLLYWOOD, TWO BRAHMAN BULLS Thursday and Friday 6 to 9 PM, Saturday 10 AM to 7 PM

ADMISSION

GENERAL ADMISSION \$2.00 (UNDER 12 FREE)

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR PETS AT HOME. NO PETS, BACKPACKS OR COOLERS ALLOWED.

Exhibit buildings open 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO UNEXPECTED CHANGES.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING. Volunteers are always needed to help make this event a success. Contact Susan Hahn, President at 610-863-6816 for more information.

*** Pre-registration for exhibitors Monday, July 6 & Monday, July 13 • 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. ***

Registration and Placing of Exhibits (except livestock and baked goods) Monday, July 20 • 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.

(Any resident of Pennsylvania may enter exhibits in any department. Exhibits must have been made or grown between July 2025-2026. An entry fee of \$2.00 per person will be charged for an exhibitor's number. Please see general rules in the premium book for more information.)

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STATE REP. TARAH PROBST

Senior Fair

Friday, Sept. 25 | 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Bushkill Outreach Center

Rep. Probst is hosting this along with Christa L. Caceres, Pike County Commissioner.

Representatives from state, county and local agencies, as well as other vendors, will be available to offer information on health care, volunteer opportunities, prescription drug plans, preventing identity theft and more!

Rep. Probst and her staff will be on-hand to answer questions and provide direction on a host of state government-related programs and services.



This FREE event includes:

- Health screenings
- Information for seniors and caregivers
- Light refreshments
- And much more!

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