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Reports to the People

It's time for a

NEW DEAL

For a

NEW PENNSYLVANIA



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21st CENTURY FULLY FUNDED SCHOOLS

OUR CHILDREN NEED A NEW DEAL

Gov. Wolf and Sen. Hughes announce \$15M for Summer Emergency Classroom Clean & Repair Program

In June, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf joined Senator Vincent Hughes, to announce a much-needed investment of \$15 million to address “toxic” conditions in Philadelphia’s schools. “This \$15 million is a good start, but it must be considered a down payment in the fight to make every classroom in Philadelphia and PA, safe for our children and their teachers,” said Senator Hughes.



NO MORE TOXIC SCHOOLS!



A NEW CASSIDY SCHOOL IS ON ITS WAY!

Lead by an outcry from school children, parents, teachers, and education activists, demanding healthy, clean, and safe schools for our children, the Philadelphia School District will be building a new Lewis Cassidy School in Overbrook. Senator Hughes has joined them and is leading the fight for 21st Century Schools for every child and their teacher’s across PA.

*Outside of the Cassidy School,
Senator Hughes and Councilman
Curtis Jones, discuss the plans and
timing for a new Cassidy.*



Philadelphia City Council President Darrell Clark, State Rep. Leann Krueger, Councilwoman Helen Gym and Senator Tim Kearney, join Senator Hughes in front of the Cassidy School at a press conference about the need for new funding for deteriorating school buildings in Philadelphia and across PA.

#MakeADifference — Know of toxic or poor conditions in our public schools? Take pictures and share them on social media with the hashtag #MyPhillySchool OR download the Healthy Schools Tracker App from the PA Federation of Teachers at pft.org/hs-tracker-app

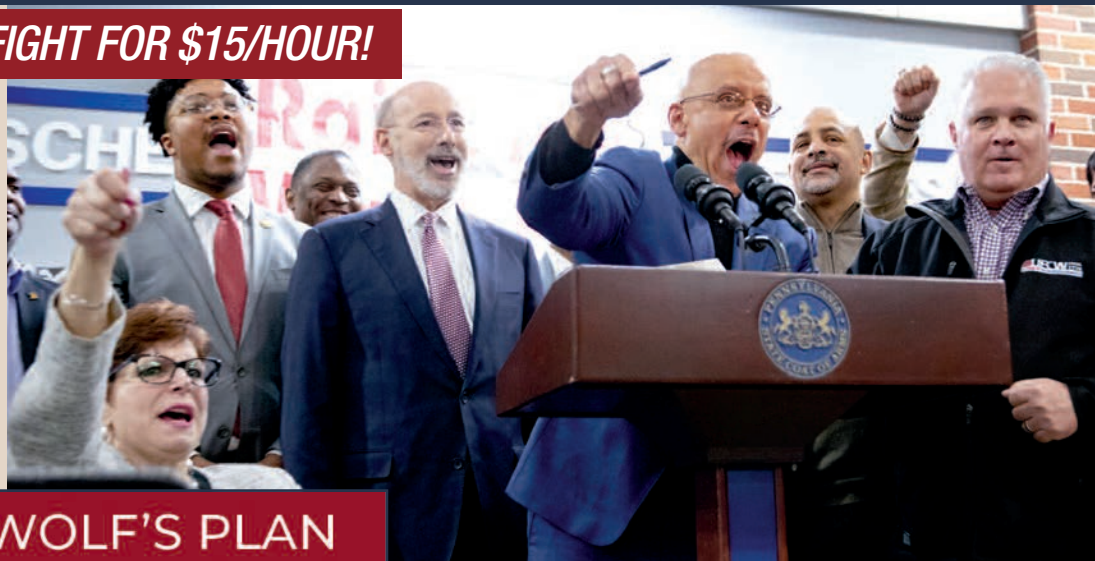
NEW DEAL FOR A NEW PENNS

RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE

WORKERS NEED A NEW DEAL

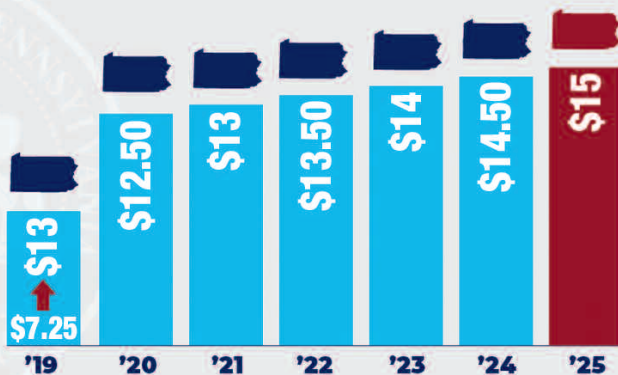
On February 8th, Senator Tartaglione and Senator Hughes, along with Mayor Kenney, legislators, seniors, union leaders, and low-income workers, stood with Governor Wolf in support of his call to increase the minimum wage. Here is his proposal:

FIGHT FOR \$15/HOUR!



GOVERNOR TOM WOLF'S PLAN TO **RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE**

THE
PLAN
BY
YEAR



provided by governor's office



WE WON THIS FIGHT BEFORE...

On July 9, 2006, at the Sharon Baptist Church, Governor Rendell, Senator Tartaglione and Senator Hughes signed the last minimum wage increase into law.



...WE CAN WIN THIS FIGHT AGAIN!

#MakeADifference — Join the fight to raise the minimum wage. Go to raisethewagepa.org or call 215-557-0822

PENNSYLVANIA

STUDENTS NEED A NEW DEAL

WAGING THE FIGHT FOR FREE COLLEGE

FACT: 60% of all jobs in the future will require a college education

FACT: PA students graduate college with an average of \$36,000 student loan debt

FACT: Roughly 10% of college students are homeless

FACT: Roughly 35% of college students are "food insecure" or can barely afford to eat

"I introduced legislation called the Pennsylvania Promise (SB 111) to make college free and affordable for Pennsylvania Students. It has the support of Senators and Representatives from across Pennsylvania!"

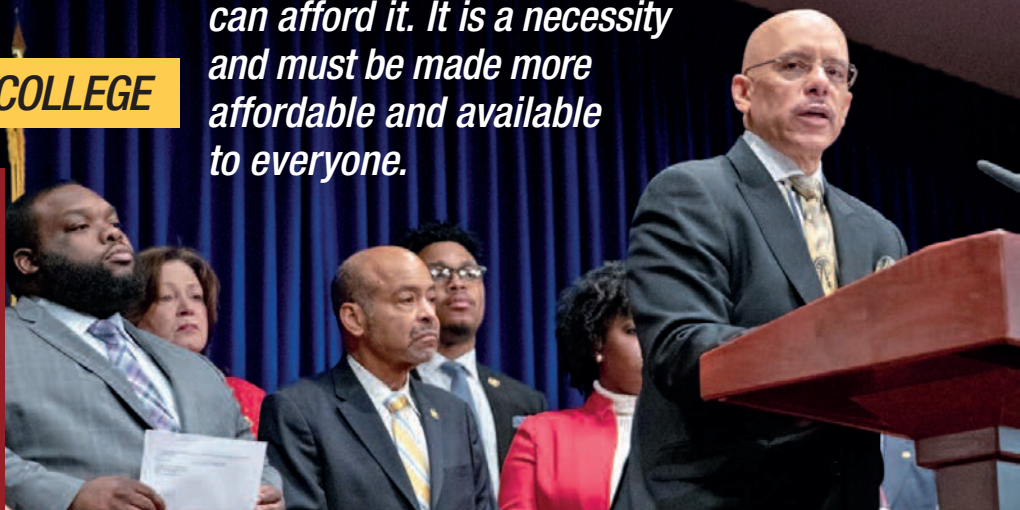
– Senator Hughes

The Fight for free college will be long and hard, but victories are already being won!

Because of legislation that Senator Hughes was prime co-sponsor of (SB 1130), PA has adapted the Keystone Scholars Program. Beginning January 1, 2019, every newborn PA child will have a scholarship fund established in their name, and the fund will start off with an initial free deposit of \$100.00. If we continue to fight, we will continue to win!

TIME FOR FREE COLLEGE

College must no longer be a luxury available to those who can afford it. It is a necessity and must be made more affordable and available to everyone.



WINNING THE FIGHT FOR FREE COLLEGE



**#MakeADifference — Join the fight for Free College in Pennsylvania
go to papromise.org, call 215-879-7777 or email info@papromise.org**

SENATOR HUGHES PRESENTS...

SHOW ME THE MONEY!

DON'T LEAVE MONEY ON THE TABLE THAT COULD HELP PAY YOUR BILLS!

A Message from
Senator Hughes and
Sheryl Lee Ralph-Hughes



"Too many times we don't access all of the resources available to us, especially financial ones. Check the resources here and get the help you deserve."

- ◆ **The Homestead Exemption** saves the typical homeowner about \$550 on their Philadelphia Real Estate Tax every year. Apply online at beta.phila.gov/homestead or call **215-686-9200**.
- ◆ **Low Income Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Freeze Program.** Get more information and an application at beta.phila.gov/senior-freeze or call **215-686-6442**.
- ◆ **Owner-Occupied Real Estate Payment Agreement Program** allows residents who own and occupy their homes to make monthly payments on back taxes. Learn more at phila.gov/revenue or call **215-686-6442**.
- ◆ **Water Revenue Bureau Standard Payment Agreement** allows customers to make monthly payments on past due water bills. For more information or to apply, visit phila.gov/water-bill-help or call **215-685-6300**.
- ◆ **PA Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program.** Application forms and assistance are available at no cost from Department of Revenue district offices, local area agencies on aging, senior centers and state legislators' offices. Visit revenue.pa.gov or call **1-888-222-9190** for more information.
- ◆ **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** helps families living on low incomes pay their heating bills in the form of a cash grant. Crisis grants are for household in immediate danger of being without heat. Visit dhs.pa.gov/citizens/heatingassistance/liheap or call **1-866-857-7095** for more information.

SENATOR HUGHES PRESENTS...

SPRING CLEAN YOUR FINANCES

**Every Wednesday
in April & May
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Wynnefield Library
5325 Overbrook Avenue**

- ◆ **FREE Tax Preparation** ◆ **EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit)**
Estimated rebate of roughly \$3,000

Campaign For Working Families

1415 N Broad St. • Philadelphia, PA 19122

Cwfphilly.org or call (215) 454-6483

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SHOW ME THE MONEY

FINANCIAL AID FOR COLLEGE



**March 16, 2019 • 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
West Philadelphia High School • 4901 Chestnut St.**

To learn more, contact my office at 215-879-7777

SENATOR HUGHES PRESENTS...



SHOW ME THE MONEY

FREE TAX PREP & EITC SESSIONS

March 12, 2019 • 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
North Light Community Center • 175 Green Lane

March 21, 2019 • 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Falls of Schuylkill Library • 3501 Midvale Ave.

March 28, 2019 • 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.
ParkWest Town Center • 1575 N. 52nd St.

Come Prepared: What you need to bring!

For quick and easy tax filing bring the following documents for you, your spouse, and anyone you are claiming as dependent.

Identification — • Current driver's license, State ID, Passport, Green Card, Employment

Authorization Card — • Birth dates of all household members

Social Security Number — • Social Security Card (or other SS document with full SSN on it)

Income — • W-2 and 1099 forms for income, pensions or Social Security, or unemployment received in 2018
• Previous year's tax return (if available)

Childcare — • Year-end statement for childcare expenses
• Social Security Number or Employer Identification Number (EIN) of the provider

Education — • 1098-T form for college/trade school expenses paid

Medical — • 1095-A statement (if applicable)
• Total all expenses plus bills/receipts for medicine and doctor's visits as backup

Home — • Property tax

To learn more, visit senatorhughes.com/SMTM