

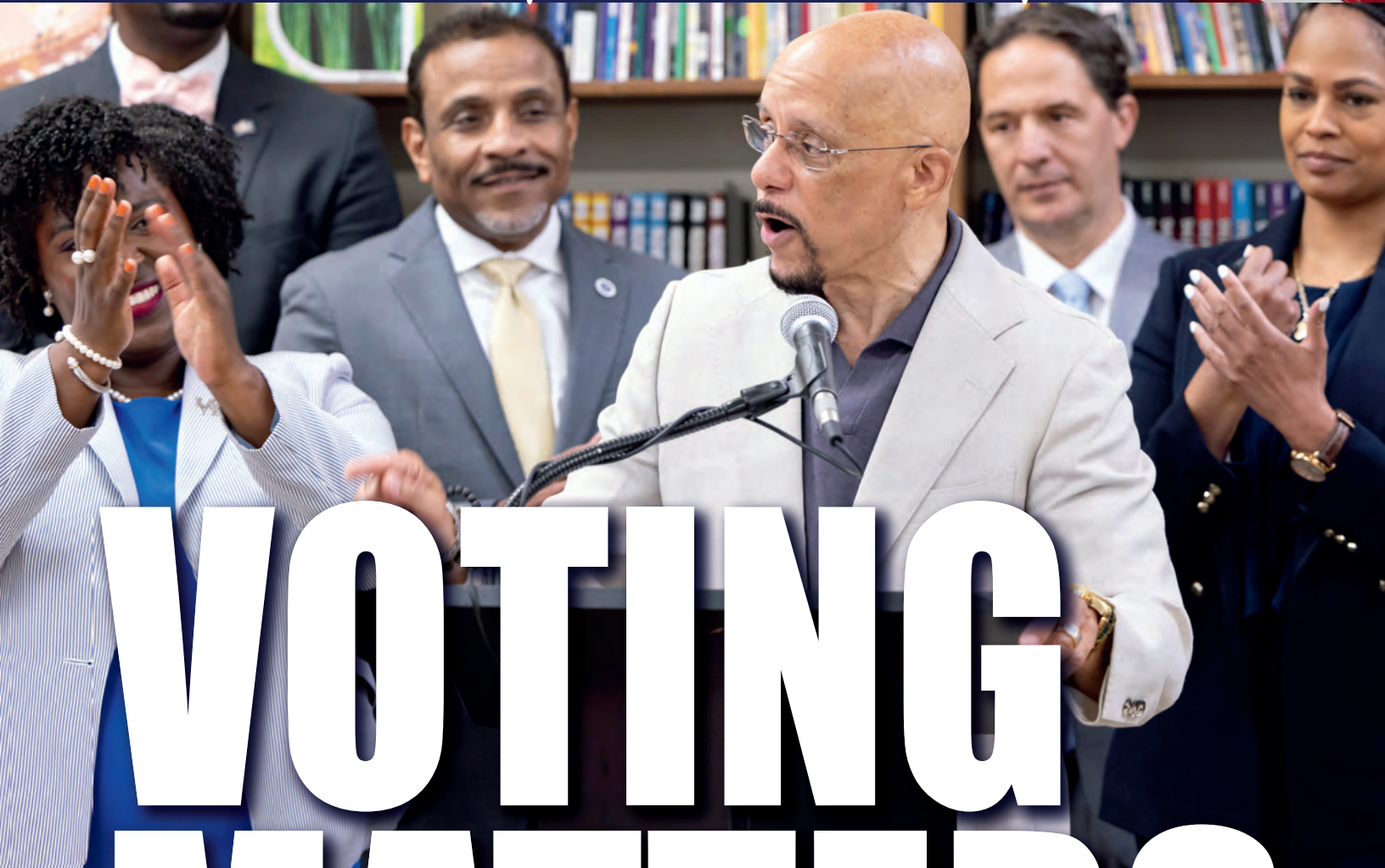


SUMMER 2024

State Senator

VINCENT HUGHES

Reports to the People



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HISTORIC EDUCATION FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS NEW STATE BUDGET

With Senator Hughes leading the negotiations for his caucus, the budget worked out in Harrisburg for 2024-2025 makes a historic downpayment on our responsibility to fix Pennsylvania's education funding system and invest in our future.

BY MAKING \$1.1 Billion increase

for Pre-K to 12 education funding
MORE TEACHERS, NURSES AND COUNSELORS,
MODERN BOOKS AND TECHNOLOGY, REPAIR
BROKEN AND TOXIC SCHOOLS

NEW \$3M

investment to provide menstrual products in schools to address period poverty



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DELIVERING MORE FUNDS TO HELP BUILD MORE AFFORDABLE QUALITY HOUSING

Senator Hughes recently announced more than **\$5.9 million in Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC)** for 4 rental housing projects in the 7th district. In total, the projects will yield more than 200 affordable rental units, with more than 25 percent being accessible units. The tax credits are reserved and managed by the PA Housing Finance Agency.



LINDA LOCKMAN KING APARTMENTS
35 units



GOOD SHEPHERD
55 units of senior housing



GAUDENZIA CATHEDRAL PARK HOMES
40 total units



WESTPARK REDEVELOPMENT
41 units



THE QUEEN SR. APARTMENTS
49 units for seniors



THE APARTMENTS AT 40TH STREET PLACE
40 units 11 one bedroom



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STUDENT TEACHER STIPEND PROGRAM

Facing a dramatic decline in the number of students opting for teaching careers and an aging teacher population, Senator Hughes helped create a grant program in Pennsylvania to deliver cash for qualified student teachers.

The PA Student Teacher Stipend program provides **\$10,000 grants** to student teachers with another **\$5,000 available** to those working in high-need areas. The new budget doubles the size of the program from **\$10 million to \$20 million**.

\$56M
in 2024

\$30M
in 2021

VIP
GRANTS

VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION PROGRAM

Although there have still been tragic incidents in the city this year, Pennsylvania's **Violence Intervention and Prevention Program (VIP)** is delivering on its promise.

Over the past year, Philadelphia saw a 37 percent decline in gun violence, the largest decrease among America's largest 50 cities. Since the VIP program began in 2018, 250 projects across the Commonwealth have been approved for more than **\$268 million** to prevent, intervene in, and reduce gun and group-related violence.

Building on that success, the new budget boosts funding for the program from **\$40 million to \$56 million**.



SENATOR VINCENT HUGHES

Announces \$874K to **Episcopal Community Services**, for a **comprehensive neighborhood revitalization project** focused on violence prevention through residential block cleaning in West Philadelphia.

\$268M for the **Violence Intervention and Prevention Program (VIP)** since 2018



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A MESSAGE FROM SENATOR HUGHES AND SHERYL LEE,

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