2013-2014 BUDGET FACT SHEET

A “JOBS FOR ALL” AGENDA

- The Governor’s budget has **no tax increases on Pennsylvania working families**
- The Governor’s budget helps to create an environment where PA employers can add to the **more than 110,000 private sector jobs that have been created**.
- The Governor’s budget eliminates the **inheritance tax on small businesses**.
- The Governor is **funding the City Revitalization and Improvement Zone program** to spur new growth in larger third-class cities that have struggled to attract development.
- The Governor is **reinvigorating the commonwealth’s marketing efforts to attract businesses to the state** and tourists to visit Pennsylvania and enjoy all that it has to offer.
- The Governor is **increased funding by $8.3 million for PA First - the commonwealth’s top business attraction**, relocation and in-state expansion tool.
- The Governor is **implementing Job Gateway**, Pennsylvania’s comprehensive job matching system, providing employment data, including current and projected job openings, and eventually help employers find qualified candidates for their open positions.
- The commonwealth is **creating recruitment hubs to connect business in need of workers** with the unemployed in their area.
- Pennsylvania is **continuing to combine PA CareerLink and the Employment Advancement and Retention Network**, eliminating duplication of services and better deliver employment and training services.
Pennsylvania is streamlining the workers’ compensation system by improving care for injured workers and reducing medical costs for employers.

HISTORIC INVESTMENTS IN EDUCATION

- The Governor is expanding funding for K-through-12 education, including an additional $122.5 million in Basic Education Funding,
- This funding increase is 2.27 percent over last year’s record funding levels, for a total of $5.5 billion, the highest in state history.
- The Governor is increasing funding for early childhood development by $5 million
- The Governor is increasing funding for Head Start by $1.9 million to help children in need.
- The Governor is investing $100 million in the Accountability Block Grant, which provides for quality pre-kindergarten and full-day kindergarten.
- The Governor is preserving funding for higher education, investing nearly $1.6 billion.

STANDING UP FOR PENNSYLVANIA

- The Governor fought for a $40 million increase in funding for programs that help people with intellectual and physical disabilities.
- The Governor is investing more than $455 million in total funds to provide health insurance coverage for more than 200,000 children through the Children’s Health Insurance Program.
- The Governor is investing $4 million in the creation of the Community-Based Health Care Program to bring health care to people who live in areas without easy access to hospitals and clinics.
The Governor increased funding for Pennsylvania’s Domestic Violence Program by almost $1.4 million.

The Governor is helping combat violence against women with a $900,000 increase to Pennsylvania’s Rape Crisis Program.

PROTECTING OLDER PENNSYLVANIANS

Pennsylvania has the fourth highest percentage of seniors in the United States.

This Governor’s budget will add $50 million for programs for older Pennsylvanians including:

- Expanded care for 5,600 older Pennsylvanians on home and community-based waiting lists and provide $2 million to help modernize programs at centers.
- $21 million will be dedicated to expanding services for 1,550 people on the Medicaid Home and Community based Aging Waiver program.
- Financial assistance for prescription medications to almost 300,000 older Pennsylvanians, with this year’s total investment being more than $227 million.

SAFEGUARDING AGRICULTURE

To support agriculture activities in Pennsylvania, this budget includes:

- Nearly $35 million to fund the nation’s best farmland preservation program.
$10 million to continue a system of tax credits for Resource Enhancement Protection Program that rewards farmers for best environmental and management practices.

Increased funding to $2.5 million for Pennsylvania’s county fairs.

More than $17 million to fund the state Food Purchase Program providing critical help to Pennsylvanians who are at risk of having too little to eat.

Funding for The PennVET program at the University of Pennsylvania and agricultural research and extension service program at Penn State.

**ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY**

- This Governor is **enhancing public safety in Pennsylvania by**:
  - Funding three new cadet classes for the Pennsylvania State Police in the next fiscal year with a potential for 290 new state troopers.
  - Hiring 90 new civilian dispatchers, freeing our state troopers to get back out on the roads and into the communities where they are most needed.
  - Investing $5 million for juvenile justice intervention, including academic and career training for delinquent youths, as well as strategies for delinquency and violence prevention.