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***The State Senate will
convene at 1PM.
The State House will
convene at 12pm for a
non-voting session.***

STRAIGHT BUSSIN'

Yesterday, Governor **Josh Shapiro** approved SEPTA's request to utilize capital projects funds for operations in attempt to ensure the transit system can reverse its proposed route reductions and cuts. SEPTA will continue to issue its fare increase that will take effect this weekend. SEPTA will be using \$394 million in capital funding for operational uses.

RIHLED UP

Dauphin County Commissioner **Justin Douglas** has announced he will be running for the 10th Congressional District in PA, going up against party favorite **Janelle Stelson** in the May Democratic primary. **Janelle Stelson** was the closest to beating current Congressman **Scott Perry** (R) in his tenure, coming in around 5,000 votes short last November. Stelson already has the support from Governor **Josh Shapiro**, State Senator **Patty Kim**, and State Representatives **Justin Fleming**, **Dave Madsen**, and **Nate Davidson** for this race.

JUST GOOGLE IT

The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) and Google have expanded their partnership to best teach students how to effectively use AI. Through the Google AI for Education Accelerator program, students can access free AI training, learning the foundations of AI, and techniques for prompting. The current universities receiving this program include Cheyney, East Stroudsburg, IUP, PennWest, and Millersville. PASSHE

DINING OUT

Harrisburg restaurant week started yesterday and runs through the end of this week and next week. With nearly 15 participating restaurants, this event is supported by the Harrisburg Downtown Improvement District. Some restaurants include Cafe Fresco, Cork & Fork, Men in the Kitchen Restaurant, Rubicon, and The Millworks. Reservations are recommended and more information can be found [here](#).

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of **David Bonsick** who passed away suddenly this past Sunday. He was a true government professional with nearly 30 years of experience serving the Nation with U.S. Senator Specter and the Commonwealth under Governors Ridge and Schweiker. He then took his considerable talent to the private sector, most recently with Cozen O'Connor Public Strategies. His viewing will be held at Myers Baker Funeral Home on Sunday from 6-8pm with the funeral service at Good Shepard Church on Monday starting at 11am and the visitation at 10am, both in Camp Hill, PA.



Happy Birthday

- Former State Senator **Jake Corman**
- **Cherelle L. Parker**, Mayor of Philadelphia
- **Dennis C. Wolff**, Former Secretary, PA Department of Agriculture
- **Andrew J. Ritter, Jr.**, VP, Regulatory & Legislative Affairs, Range Resources
- **Vito F. Canuso, Jr.**, Law Office of Vito Canuso, Jr. Esq



Committee Meetings

- (S) Appropriations – OTF – To consider; SB 65, 713, 922 and 952.
- (H) Democratic Policy – 10:00AM – Public hearing on making more affordable housing available.
- (S) Judiciary – 11:30AM – To consider: SB 111, 914 and HB 18, 414 and 1406.



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