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The Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP) has announced this year's Excellence in Patient Safety Recognition recipients. HAP's 2026 Excellence in Patient Safety Recognition recipients list can be found [here](#). On this year's awards, HAP President and CEO **Nicole Stallings** stated, "HAP is proud to recognize the leading Pennsylvania hospital teams that have embraced continuous quality improvement, strengthened patient safety, and achieved outstanding results through their dedication and hard work."

ON THE CARDS

State Representative **David Dellosa** (D-Delaware) wants to make mental health resources more accessible to students by requiring middle and high school student ID cards to display a suicide-prevention hotline number. He recently circulated a co-sponsorship memo for the proposal, which would require schools to include a national, state, or local suicide-prevention number, such as the 988 Crisis Hotline, on student IDs. The proposal is pending formal introduction, but Dellosa says the change could give students vital access to resources when they need them most.

BACK ON TRACK

Yesterday, PennDOT Secretary **Mike Carroll** announced that a second daily Pennsylvanian train between New York City and Pittsburgh will begin operating in mid-November. The second daily train will give customers more travel flexibility between Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, and New York. Amtrak is expected to receive new trains for the Keystone route from Harrisburg to Philadelphia as well, which would further improve mobility and convenience when traveling across Pennsylvania. Although it is unclear exactly when, ticket sales are expected to begin sometime in October.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL TAX RELIEF

Back-to-school shopping is becoming more expensive for Pennsylvania families, with prices up more than 7% compared to last year. One Pennsylvania family reported spending about \$700 on supplies for three children. State Senator **Lisa Boscola** (D-Lehigh) hopes to offer families some

relief through legislation that would create a two-week sales tax holiday on school and art supplies priced at \$50 or less, as well as on certain computer purchases.

We at Harrisburg: ONLINE send our condolences to the friends and family of former State Senator **Franklin Kury**, who passed away last week at the age of 89. Kury, who served in the State House from 1966 to 1972 and the Senate from 1973 to 1980, is remembered for his work adopting the environmental rights amendment in 1971. Following his time in the General Assembly, Kury ran the law firm Kury and Kury with his wife Beth, who passed away in 2024. In remembering Frank, many called him driven, passionate, and iconic. He will be missed. █



Happy Birthday

- State Representative **David M. Maloney, Sr.**
- Former State Representative **Michael K. Hanna**
- **Bill Strickland**, Founder, Manchester Bidwell
- **BJ Sieg**, Research Analyst, PA Senate



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