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THE WHEELS ON THE BUS

A new Pennsylvania law – Act 89 of 2026 - increases the required stopping distance for motorists from 10 feet to 15 feet when a school bus has its flashing lights and stop-arm extended. The bill also expands school bus safety education, assigning new responsibilities to PennDOT and school districts, with educational provisions taking effect in December 2026. The recently enacted law was sponsored by State Senator ***Lisa Baker*** (R-Luzerne) who received the 2026 National School Bus Safety Leadership Award from the Safe Kids Worldwide nonprofit organization.

STRONG PROGRESS

Harrisburg Mayor ***Wanda Williams*** delivered her annual State of the City address Monday, highlighting progress on downtown revitalization, affordable housing, economic development, and the reconstruction of the Broad Street Market that was destroyed in a fire three (3) years ago. Williams also touted the city's issuance of 448 business licenses over the past year, as well as introduced new communications director ***Cyera Williams***.

A LASTING LEGACY

Dolores Huerta, a pioneering labor leader and civil rights activist who co-founded the United Farm Workers, has died from cancer. Huerta helped lead the nationwide grape boycott and negotiate contracts that improved wages, benefits and workplace protections for farm workers, contributing to California's landmark 1975 Agricultural Labor Relations Act. Throughout her career, she also advocated for immigrants, women's rights and greater Latino political participation, earning the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2012.

BATTER LATE THAN NEVER

The Milwaukee Brewers have won the franchise's first World Series. Defeating the Tampa Bay Rays in 5 games, the Brewers will return home with the Commissioner's Trophy. The Brewers are recognized as the smallest MLB media market and the 19th biggest payroll. Catcher ***William Contreras*** was named the MVP for his consistent hitting and play behind the plate. The Brewers have only made one other World Series appearance, losing to the St. Louis Cardinals in 1982.

Congratulations to ***Dennis Lynch***, Assistant Vice President at Temple University, who once again became a grandpa to baby ***Chase***. Chase was born on 9/24/26, weighing 8 lbs and was 21 inches. Both parents, ***Ryan*** and ***Gabriella***, are doing well. Chase will officially be welcomed in the Temple Owls Class of 2044.



Happy Birthday

- Former State Representative ***Frank "Chick" Tulli****
- Former State Representative ***George T. Kenney, Jr.***, Associate VP and Senior Advisor for Government Affairs, Temple University
- ***Marguerite Quinn***, Director of Government Affairs, Office of the Attorney General
- ***Mallerie Stromswold***, Government Relations Specialist, Bravo Group
- ***Zach Shamberg***, Chief of Government Affairs, Saber Healthcare Group
- ***PJ Lavelle***, Partner, Malady & Wooten, LLP
- ***Grace Kline***, Associate Editor, Pennsylvania Legislative Services
- ***Candida Affa***, Allentown City Councilmember
- ***Gina DiMaio Pittman***
- ***Barb Ramsey***

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