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State Senator **VINCENT HUGHES** *Reports to the People*

**Senator Hughes and Governor Wolf
Both Agree: \$1 Billion for Our Schools
from Taxing Marcellus Shale**



Our schools have suffered for the last four years because they lost \$1 billion in funding from Harrisburg. No counselors, no teachers, no nurses, no computers, no sports and no tutors all equal NO CHANCE for our kids to get a 21st century education. Sen. Hughes and Gov. Wolf say THAT STOPS NOW!

Money For Our Schools

Marcellus Shale Drillers: It's Time to Pay Your Fair Share, So We Can Fund Our Schools

"The natural gas shale drillers are some of the richest corporations in the world, and they have not paid their fair share. While everyone else pays their taxes, the Marcellus Shale drillers don't pay any severance tax. It's time they pay up, and when they do, we can send that money to fund our schools!"

— Senator Vincent Hughes



Senator Hughes and Senator Art Haywood have introduced a bill to tax natural gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale at eight percent and spend the money on public education. It's estimated that this legislation would generate over \$1 billion for public education in less than five years.

Governor Tom Wolf has offered a similar proposal, although his plan calls for a five percent tax. Everyone agrees: It's time to tax the frackers and make them pay their fair share for our children!

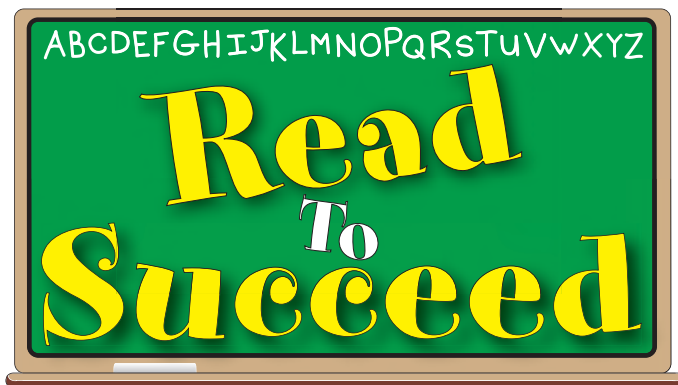


Senator Hughes speaks at a press conference in the Philadelphia School District.

Top 5 Natural Gas Drilling States 2013 Rankings

Top States	States	Severance Tax
1	Texas	7.5% of Market Value
2	Pennsylvania	No Severance Tax
3	Louisiana	\$.03–\$.13 per MCF
4	Oklahoma	7% plus 0.095% Excise Tax
5	Wyoming	6% of Taxable Value





Reading Program Helps Students Read to Succeed!

For the past two summers, over 500 students between first and fifth grade participated in Senator Hughes' "Save Our Skills" summer reading program. The goal was to "Prevent Summer Slide" to insure that students do not fall behind in their reading skills over the summer break.

Numerous studies indicate that reading at grade level is critically important. 74 percent of students who don't read at grade level by the end of third grade have trouble in later grades and drop out without earning a high school diploma.

For four weeks, students were enrolled in free reading classes taught by volunteer teachers. The program was co-sponsored by the Free Library of Philadelphia, Children's Literacy Initiative, School District of Philadelphia, and Tree House Books.



To learn more about how to help your child read at grade level, check out the Campaign for Grade Level Reading at www.GradeLevelReading.Net. You can also find out more information about helping your child read at any age at these links below:

CHILDREN'S LITERACY INITIATIVE
www.cli.org • 215-561-4676

PHILADELPHIA READS
www.philareads.org • (215) 279-7450

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT
www.cap4kids.org

MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON LITERACY
www.philaliteracy.org • (215) 686-5250

LITERACY ENRICHMENT AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM
www.freelibrary.org/leap • (215) 686-5372

TREE HOUSE BOOKS
www.treehousevolunteers.wordpress.com

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WALMART STORES

Senator Hughes Helps to Fund New Senior Housing in Wynnefield

Senator Hughes is working hard to make sure that every resident has a safe and affordable place to live. He recently helped secure state funding for 48 units of subsidized senior housing in Wynnefield. Senator Hughes partnered with the Wynnefield Overbrook Revitalization Corporation and Presbyterian Inspired Life to make the project happen, which was built on the long vacant Kershner Oil Building. Everyone deserves affordable housing, especially our seniors!



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Want to know what Senator Hughes is doing on your behalf in Philadelphia and Harrisburg? Sign up for our e-mail list by visiting:
www.SenatorHughes.com/email

Senator Hughes Honored by Women Organized Against Rape

Senator Hughes was recently honored by Women Organized Against Rape for his work on ending violence against women. The "Bridge of Courage Award" recognizes exemplary leadership and commitment to promoting awareness, education, and advocacy to end sexual violence.

Other awardees included Maria Pajil Battle, President of Ameri-Health Caritas Partnership and WOAR Board of Directors and Susan B. Sorenson, PhD, Director of Ortner Center on Family Violence, University of Pennsylvania.

Contact Women Organized Against Rape

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Major Victory: Governor Wolf Adopts Senator Hughes' "Healthcare for All" Program

Over the past year, Senator Hughes has been **fighting** to expand health insurance to **500,000 low-income adults**.

Despite opposition from former Governor Tom Corbett, **Senator Hughes won!**

This means that thousands of hardworking people will get **high-quality, low-cost health insurance** for their families.

Want to see if you qualify? Contact the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services to see if you can enroll in Medicaid through the expanded program fought for by Senator Hughes.

How to Apply

Pennsylvania Department
of Human Services

1-866-550-4355

1-877-202-3021

www.dhs.state.pa.us

Welcome to the New 7th Senatorial District

Every ten years, Senate districts are redrawn to accommodate changes in population measured by the U.S. Census. Below is the updated map of Senator Hughes' district, which now includes neighborhoods in Philadelphia and Montgomery County.

Montgomery County Neighborhoods

Conshohocken
Upper Dublin
Whitemarsh Township



★ Indicates Location
of District Office



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Senator Hughes & Sheryl Lee Ralph Know Their Status. Do You? Make Sure That You Get Tested!

According to the Center for Disease Control, there are 1.2 million people living with HIV in the U.S. There are about 3.2 million who have Hepatitis C. Both of these diseases can be found through a simple and easy test, but many people do not know that they are infected. In fact, one in seven people with HIV do not know that they are infected. However, Hep C can be cured if it is discovered soon enough. Both Hep C and HIV/AIDS are manageable with treatment, but you must be aware of your status before it's too late!

For info about HIV, go to www.hivphilly.org

For info about HEP, go to www.hepcap.org



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