

PSBA Report – Voting Session September 24, 2026

Both the Pennsylvania House and Senate are scheduled to return to Harrisburg on Monday September 28, 2026 as the 2025–26 legislative session begins to wind down. At this time, there are no education-related committee meetings of particular relevance to report, although schedules remain subject to change.

ACT 20 PDE encourages schools to review their local CTE program course sequencing to determine best options for students' success. ACT 20 provides a waiver for CTE students to take end of program assessments prior to 12th grade. This allows the student to take the assessment while the information is fresh in the students mind and frees up opportunities in their senior year to take additional credits. Without the waiver, students would have to wait until senior year to take competency exams to complete their program

PSBA continues to highlight recent mandates affecting Pennsylvania public schools and the impact these requirements can have on district operations, budgets and educational programs.

One of the newest requirements was included in the 2026–27 state budget through House Bill 1505. The legislation establishes a statewide public school facilities inventory and requires school entities to report information regarding their school buildings to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

PDE is required to establish the electronic reporting process by April 1, 2027. School entities will have until December 31, 2027, to submit the required facility information.

The purpose of the inventory is to provide the Commonwealth with more comprehensive information regarding the age, condition and needs of Pennsylvania's public school facilities. This comes as PSBA and school leaders continue to advocate for sustained and meaningful state investment in school facilities.

PSBA has also developed a **Mandate Report**, which identifies many of the state mandates affecting Pennsylvania school districts and examines their impact on district budgets, operations and local decision-making. PSBA continues to work with lawmakers and education stakeholders regarding existing mandates and proposals that could create additional administrative or financial burdens for school districts.

PCCD School Safety and Support Grant

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) EGrants application is due **October 26, 2026**. Funding opportunities address several areas that directly support student and school safety, including:

- School Safety
- Mental Health and Student Support

- Positive Behavior, Restorative Practices and Discipline
- Staff Training
- Risk Assessment and Prevention Planning

These funding opportunities may provide districts with additional resources to strengthen school safety initiatives, student supports, prevention efforts and staff preparedness.

Finally, the **2026 PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference** will be held October 18–20 at Kalahari Resorts & Conventions in the Poconos. Pleasant Valley School District will be represented at the conference.