

**State Senator Jake Corman's**

# **2008-2009 State Budget Update**

Dear Friend,

**The state's new budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 includes good news for our schools.** The governor's proposed budget included only a 1.5% increase in basic education funding for the State College Area School District.

At the same time, he wanted to provide an almost 10% increase to the Philadelphia School District – more than \$85 million. ***I strongly opposed this giveaway to Philadelphia at the expense of school districts in our area of the state.***

During budget negotiations, Senate Republicans forced the governor to reduce his appropriation to Philadelphia schools and instead provide more to districts like ours, which have been underfunded.

***As a result, the State College Area School District will see its basic education appropriation doubled from what the governor proposed.*** This will not only help our schools and students, but also provide some relief to area taxpayers.

  
Senator Jake Corman

