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the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased by 1.5 million, from 2.5 million in 1980 to 4 million in 1995. The public sector has grown from 10% of the economy in 1980 to 15% in 1995.

There is a growing emphasis on the need to improve the efficiency of the public sector. This has led to a number of initiatives, including the introduction of competition, the restructuring of public services, and the introduction of performance targets. The aim of these initiatives is to reduce the cost of public services and to improve the quality of the services provided.

One of the main challenges facing the public sector is the need to reduce the cost of services. This is a difficult task, as the public sector is often a monopoly. However, there are a number of ways in which the cost of public services can be reduced. These include the introduction of competition, the restructuring of public services, and the introduction of performance targets.

The introduction of competition is one of the most common ways in which the cost of public services can be reduced. This involves breaking up public monopolies and allowing private companies to compete for the business. This can lead to a reduction in the cost of services, as private companies are often more efficient than public ones.

The restructuring of public services is another way in which the cost of public services can be reduced. This involves reorganizing public services so that they are more efficient. This can be done by merging services, by transferring services to private companies, or by introducing new ways of delivering services.

The introduction of performance targets is a third way in which the cost of public services can be reduced. This involves setting targets for the performance of public services and rewarding those who achieve the targets. This can lead to a reduction in the cost of services, as public services are often more expensive than private ones.

There are a number of other ways in which the cost of public services can be reduced. These include the introduction of user charges, the introduction of vouchers, and the introduction of privatization. Each of these methods has its own advantages and disadvantages, and the choice of method will depend on the circumstances.

It is important to note that the reduction of the cost of public services is not the only goal. It is also important to ensure that the quality of the services is maintained. This can be done by introducing performance targets, by restructuring public services, and by introducing competition.

In conclusion, the public sector is facing a number of challenges. One of the main challenges is the need to reduce the cost of services. This can be done by introducing competition, by restructuring public services, and by introducing performance targets.

Serving both Wexford and Gibsonia!

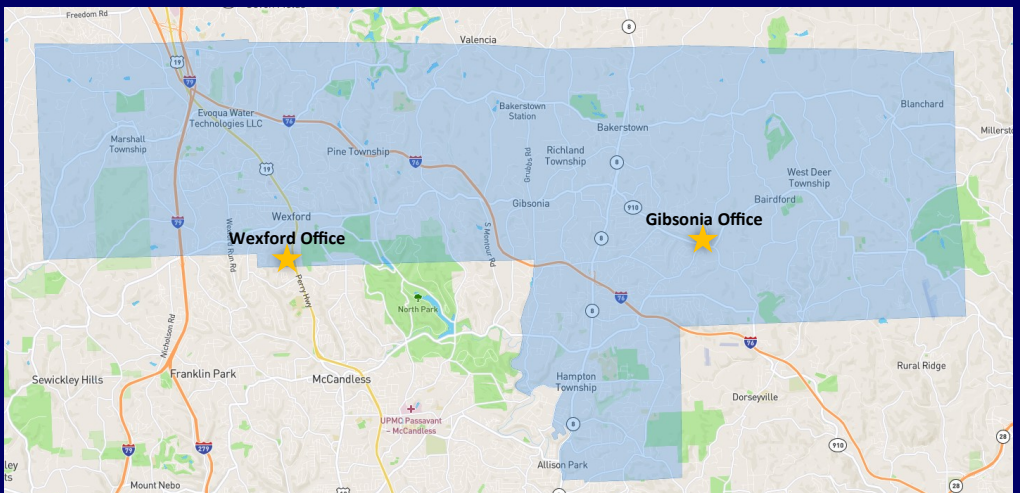
Now Open: Gibsonia District Office

I am proud to be able to offer my services to both ends of the District. Recently, we spent time setting up a brand-new office in Gibsonia. Now my constituents are able to reap the benefits of having more access to me and my team. Residents will be able to stop by or schedule an appointment to meet with me. My Wexford office will remain available in the same capacity as well.

I am happy to offer this opportunity for the public to receive the service they deserve.

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Making Your Voice Heard!



On March 15th, we hosted our first in-person town hall of 2023 at the Northern Tier Library in Richland Township. Shortly after we held two additional town halls in the new district; one on March 29th at the Hampton Community Center, and another on March 30th at the West Deer Municipal Building. I was pleased to host these three events to listen to and address your needs. We discussed topics such as education, job creation, and our state budget. I look forward to my next upcoming tele-town hall. More details to come soon.

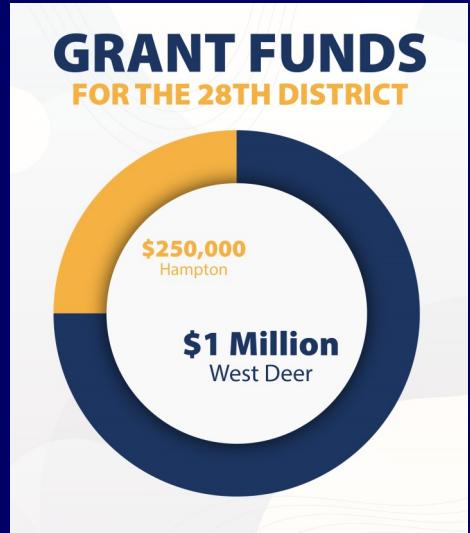


Investing in Our Community

Grants for Hampton and West Deer Twps.

I am pleased to announce the awarding of \$1.25 million in state funding for community improvements in the 28th District.

The local grants include projects I hope will be a great benefit to residents and include enhancements to our parks, waterways and infrastructure.



West Deer Township -

\$1,000,000 for the construction of a new municipal building located in West Deer Township, Allegheny County. This project involves the construction of a 17,000 SF municipal complex, which will house township employees, community/meeting rooms, training space for police/fire/EMT and a future option to relocate the District Magistrate. The building will also serve as a connection to a new public works facility.

Hampton Township -

\$250,000 to replace the existing single-span bridge located at the intersection of State Route 8 and Clearview Road over Gourdehead Run, a tributary of Little Pine Creek. The project will remove the warning signs and barricades which prohibits vehicular and pedestrian access due to structural integrity concerns. This bridge is one of only two access routes that serves over 300 residential homes in the township.

Establishing the *Educating the Future Council*

As the State Representative of Pennsylvania House District 28, one of my highest priorities is a high-quality education for all Pennsylvania students. Education at its best should be an inspiring lifelong journey, should involve parents, offer choices for students, demand curriculum transparency, and fiscal responsibility.

In order to best serve my constituents, I am excited to establish the Educating the Future Council that will serve a vital role in revitalizing the educational system.

The mission of the council is to innovate education policies across K-12 and higher education formats to establish and refine world class affordable and accessible educational opportunities for all aspiring students in the Commonwealth, rooted in Pennsylvania values.

This Council will be made of professionals with experience in different facets of education, including but not limited to, educators, administrators, and public/private/home school affiliates. My hope is that this group will provide insight, thoughtful solutions, and proposed actions on how to improve our educational system, not only locally, but across the Commonwealth.



EDUCATING THE FUTURE
Council

District Initiatives

Relaunching the North Hills Mental Health and Substance Use Task Force

I'm excited to launch the next edition of our North Hills Mental Health and Substance Use Task Force. With a great turnout from all corners of our district, I'm thrilled to say this first meeting was a success. Throughout the discussion, we touched on mental health and substance use becoming a serious concern for many students all around the district. We determined if this is occurring in our schools, we can only assume it is also becoming a problem for our community at large.

With this issue rising, it is the task force's mission to create a catalyst to combat the issue in kind. I firmly believe in working together to address this issue. It was noted in this discussion how relevant the phrase 'nothing about us without us' is when addressing these issues. Those who are suffering or close to someone who is suffering need to be a part of the solution. It is crucial to gather the input of those impacted by mental health and substance use in order to best help them.



Another term for the North Hills Business Roundtable

One of my highest priorities is to grow the economy of our region in a fiscally responsible manner. In order to best serve my constituents, I established the North Hills Business Roundtable in 2021 that serves a vital role in helping develop pro-small business policies as well as provide a forum for local businesses to come together to help identify opportunities for building a healthier, stronger and more innovative business climate. It is with great pleasure that I launch another term of the North Hills Business Roundtable.

It is my hope that this group will collectively represent many facets of the Western Pennsylvania economy and bring local and important business perspectives together so that I may best represent our business community as well as all of our constituents.

Congrats to Deer Lakes Basketball!

After a long and hard fought season, my alma mater Deer Lakes made it to the PIAA Class 3A Basketball State Championship game against West Catholic at the Giant

Center in Hershey. Despite a record setting season, the boys came up short of getting to bring home the trophy. No matter the outcome, we are so proud of the boys who went to represent us on such a massive stage. Congratulations on an incredible season!



On March 3rd, the Deer Lakes Lancers won their first WPIAL title with a thrilling 61-60 victory against Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in the Class 3A final at Petersen Events Center.

Infrastructure Investments for a Bright Future

Babcock/Bakerstown Intersection Project

The Babcock/Bakerstown Signal and Turning Lane project seeks to foster a better experience for commuters. Upgrades set for this intersection include a widening of the roadway, an eastbound left turn lane, four-way traffic signal, ADA accessible sidewalks, and trail connections to the Laurel Grove Residential Neighborhood (currently in development). The plan for this project is to future-proof this intersection so that it is accessible to everyone. This magnitude of a project wouldn't be possible without the funding from the state multimodal grant, which we supported last year for Pine Township.





District 28

2023 By the Numbers

Newly Released U.S Census Data

Demographic Information

Total
Population

62,326

Foreign Born
Residents

6.1%

Population with a
Post Secondary
Degree

59.8%

Percentage of
Population Age
65+

17.9%

Percentage of
Population
Ages 0-17

23.0%

Population in
Healthcare
Sector

25.4%

Economic Indicators

Median
Household
Income
\$116,024

Per Capita
Income
\$58,241

Median Home
Value
\$316,100

Average
Monthly Rent
\$1,422

Population on
Food Stamps
2.4%

Unemployment
Rate
3.0%



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We'd love to hear from you!

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