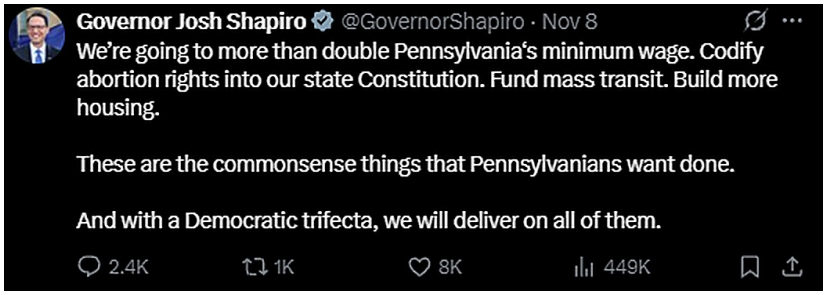
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PA FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

The 2026 midterms are over, and Governor Josh Shapiro is wasting no time in making his priorities for Pennsylvania's next chapter clear.

He plans on raising the minimum wage, funding mass transit, and most concerningly, enshrining unrestricted abortion up to nine months in our state's constitution, which would lead to the deaths of thousands more children.

But one item is notably absent from his agenda thus far: **giving Pennsylvania families access to the new Federal Scholarship Tax Credit program.**



This is an opportunity that could bring millions of dollars, if not a billion, in additional educational funding to Pennsylvania students. That's not an exaggeration. What's more, it would take no funding from public schools, since these are contributions from private citizens.

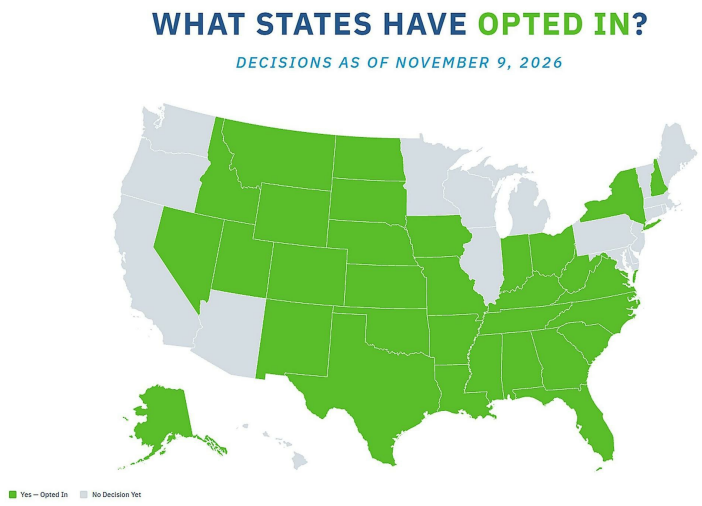
The Federal Scholarship Tax Credit allows individuals to receive a dollar-for-dollar federal tax credit of up to $1,700 for redirected tax-dollar contributions to scholarship-granting organizations. Married couples get $3,400 if they file jointly. Those scholarships can help families afford an education that fits the needs of their students and give them access to a Christian or private school. It would also provide resources like tutoring, transportation, and technology for students in public schools. The tax credit can benefit students of all educational settings in Pennsylvania.

But Pennsylvania families will miss out unless Governor Shapiro opts in.

Unfortunately, we've seen this story before. In 2023, Governor Shapiro vetoed $100 million in funding for the Lifeline Scholarship Program, despite previously expressing support for school choice. We cannot afford another missed opportunity for Pennsylvania students.

And the clock is ticking. The program begins January 1, 2027.

Thirty-two states have now opted in or committed to participate, including New Mexico, whose governor announced its decision just last week. Pennsylvania - and Governor Josh Shapiro - remain silent. See the graphic below from the American Federation for Children for the full list of states that are participating.



Governor Shapiro has an opportunity to do something meaningful for families across our Commonwealth. This program costs Pennsylvania nothing, doesn't take money away from public schools, and would expand opportunities for thousands of students.

Governor Shapiro, it's time to put Pennsylvania students first.

Will you take thirty seconds to urge him to opt Pennsylvania in to the Federal Education Freedom Tax Credit?

TAKE ACTION: TELL GOVERNOR SHAPIRO TO OPT IN

We are making our voices heard! Pennsylvania Family Council and the PA Christian Education Network recently joined the Coalition for Education Freedom and signed on to Commonwealth Foundation's letter urging Governor Shapiro to opt Pennsylvania into the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit program. The letter was submitted to him on November 5th.

You can make your voice heard, too. Pennsylvania families are asking for more educational opportunities and more school choice. Let's make sure Shapiro hears them.

For Pennsylvania's students,



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Executive Director, PA Christian Education Network
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P.S. Want to stay informed about the future of Christian education and school choice in Pennsylvania? Join the Pennsylvania Christian Education Network for updates, resources, and opportunities to get involved. **Click here to sign up.**

P.P.S. We want your school to join the PA Christian Education Network! Forward this email to your head of school and **click here** for a customizable email template that you can send to them!

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