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MEDIA ADVISORY: TOMORROW IN PHILADELPHIA – Governor Shapiro, PDE Secretary Rowe to Visit Vare-Washington Elementary, Highlight Historic Education Investments in 2026-27 Budget

Philadelphia, PA – Tomorrow, **Governor Josh Shapiro** and **PDE Secretary Dr. Carrie Rowe** will visit Vare-Washington Elementary School in Philadelphia to highlight the historic education investments included in the [2026-27 budget](#), ensuring students across Pennsylvania have the freedom to chart their own course and the opportunity to succeed.

Building on the three years of progress, the **Governor's [2026-27 budget](#)** provides an overall increase in education funding **totaling more than \$678 million**, including a **\$565 million** increase through the bipartisan adequacy and tax equity formula, a **\$58 million** increase for Basic Education Funding, and a **\$55 million** increase for Special Education Funding.

WHO:

Governor Josh Shapiro

Secretary Carrie Rowe, PA Department of Education

Dr. Tony B. Watlington Sr., Superintendent, School District of Philadelphia

Mayor Cherelle Parker, City of Philadelphia

Speaker Joanna McClinton, PA's 191st House District
Rep. Jordan Harris, PA's 186th House District
Rep. Ben Waxman, PA's 182nd House District

WHEN:

Tuesday, July 14 at 12:30 PM

WHERE:

Vare-Washington Elementary School
1198 S 5th St,
Philadelphia, PA 19147

LIVE STREAM:

pacast.com/live/gov
governor.pa.gov/live/

RSVP:

Press who are interested in attending must RSVP with the names and phone numbers of each member of their team to ra-gvgovpress@pa.gov.

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