



Pennsylvania
Department of Health

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Media Contact: Neil Ruhland, DOH, ra-dhpressoffice@pa.gov

MEDIA ADVISORY — TOMORROW IN SCRANTON — Shapiro Administration to Highlight How \$9 Million State Investment in Free Period Products is Keeping Students Focused on Learning

Tomorrow, **Pennsylvania Secretary of Health Dr. Debra Bogen** will visit **West Scranton High School** to highlight how the Shapiro Administration's historic investment in free period products for all schools is continuing to eliminate barriers to education, ensuring female students can focus on learning.

With another **\$3 million** in the [2026-27 state budget](#), **Governor Josh Shapiro** has now secured **\$9 million** for free period products over three consecutive years.

This sustained, first-of-its-kind funding equips [more than 750 school districts](#), intermediate units, career and technical centers, and charter schools with reliable access to essential hygiene products.

WHO:

Secretary of Health Dr. Debra Bogen

Dr. Erin Keating, Scranton School District Superintendent

Carol Rothenberger, Scranton School District Chief Nurse

Paige Cognetti, Mayor of Scranton

WHEN: Thursday, August 13, 2026, 10:30 AM

WHERE: West Scranton High School
1201 Luzerne Street
Scranton, PA 18504

MEDIA RSVP: Media interested in attending must RSVP with the name of the reporter and photojournalist to ra-dhpressoffice@pa.gov.