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**MEDIA ADVISORY – TUESDAY IN DAUPHIN COUNTY – Shapiro
Administration to Highlight 2026-27 Budget Investments to Reduce
Emissions, Save School Districts Money**

Steelton, PA – Tomorrow, **Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Secretary Jessica Shirley** and **Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Secretary Rick Siger** will highlight the Shapiro Administration's investment in clean energy and celebrate the **Steelton-Highspire School District's new solar array** alongside district and local officials.

Funding through the **Solar for Schools program**, including nearly \$450,000 for Steelton-Highspire, is helping schools across Pennsylvania transition to cleaner, renewable energy while reducing costs. The Steelton-Highspire School District is expected to **save \$3.6 million over the next 20 years** as a result of its solar investment.

The 2026-27 budget provides \$25 million in funding to the Solar for Schools Grant Program, administered by DCED, to reduce the cost of implementing solar energy systems into schools across Pennsylvania. The grants aid in the purchase and installation of equipment, permit fees, energy storage, and utility interconnection.

WHO:

DEP Secretary Jessica Shirley
DCED Secretary Rick Siger
Steelton-Highspire Superintendent Willie Slade Jr.

WHEN:

Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 1:00 PM

WHERE:

Steelton-Highspire Solar Array
250 Reynders Street
Steelton, PA 17113

Note: All attendees will enter through the Administrative Building

MEDIA RSVP:

Media interested in attending must RSVP with the name of the reporter and photojournalist to RA-EPNEWS@pa.gov