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## 2014-2015 Membership

The 2014-2015 membership forms and/or online registration are now available. Single memberships are \$95 and organizational memberships for up to 3 people are \$150. There are several ways you can renew your membership. Look for a paper membership form in the mail in a couple of weeks, download the form from our website [here](#) or register online [here](#).

## Battle over sound bites

This article has a good quote from Auditor General Depasquale on education funding, Calling arguments on spending from both sides “a battle over sound bites, not students,” he also added “Claiming the 2014-15 budget spends more on schools than ever before is like saying a family is spending more on groceries than ever before,” he said. “It may be true because costs are going up, but it doesn’t mean the family is eating more or better.” Read the full article [here](#)

<http://triblive.com/news/education/6462365-74/state-education-budget#ixzz37oczv074>

## Job Opportunity

The West Chester Area SD has the following job opportunity for Digital Communications Coordinator

<https://wcasd.tedk12.com/hire/ViewJob.aspx?JobID=542>

## Education foundations lose a special benefactor

We are very sorry to share the news that educational foundation expert and benefactor Bob New passed away in July. Bob was the President of the Pennsylvania Consortium of Education Foundations and the Mid-Atlantic Consortium of Education Foundations. He was a great help to many PenSPRA members as they created their own foundations and he will be greatly missed. The family asks for remembrances to the following organization.

<http://www.pchf1.org/>

## News from around the state and nation

Update on the situation for funding Philadelphia schools

[http://www.philly.com/philly/news/politics/20140805\\_Corbett\\_lawmakers\\_fail\\_to\\_agree\\_on\\_P\\_hila\\_cigarette\\_tax.html#vPc0EB4gMG7SJyJw.99](http://www.philly.com/philly/news/politics/20140805_Corbett_lawmakers_fail_to_agree_on_P_hila_cigarette_tax.html#vPc0EB4gMG7SJyJw.99)

A recent article about large fund balances may have raised some questions in your community  
[http://articles.philly.com/2014-07-22/news/51888492\\_1\\_reserves-districts-philly](http://articles.philly.com/2014-07-22/news/51888492_1_reserves-districts-philly)

This article details all you ever wanted to know about fund balances  
<http://www.cla.temple.edu/corp/files/2012/12/Policy-Brief-Fund-Balances.pdf>

A summary of recent campaign ads  
<http://www.mcall.com/news/nationworld/pennsylvania/mc-pa-corbett-wolf-governor-education-20140730,0,2883071.story#ixzz392Tl6k5M>

The common core PR war  
<http://www.politico.com/story/2014/07/the-common-core-pr-war-109460.html#ixzz38r6Ctpxs>

The new basic education funding commission meets for the first time  
<http://plsreporter.com/Home/TabId/56/ArtMID/472/ArticleID/238/Basic-education-funding-commission-to-focus-on-fairness-and-restoring-trust.aspx>

A proposed tax on financial transactions to fund pension liabilities is getting some press  
<http://plsreporter.com/Home/TabId/56/ArtMID/472/ArticleID/237/GUEST-COLUMN-from-Tim-Potts.aspx>

\$11.70 an hour?  
<http://jeanjacquescrawl.wordpress.com/2014/07/25/an-uncommon-view-of-how-much-it-cost-to-educate-a-child/>

Update on release of plan con funds  
<http://www.psba.org/news-publications/headlines/details.asp?id=8223>

Third grade has become a line in the sand for reading in some states  
[http://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/05/us/a-summer-of-extra-reading-and-hope-for-fourth-grade.html?ref=education&\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/05/us/a-summer-of-extra-reading-and-hope-for-fourth-grade.html?ref=education&_r=1)