

MEMO

To: Governor Josh Shapiro
Honorable Joseph Pittman, Senate Majority Leader
Honorable Matthew Bradford, House Majority Leader

From: Uri Z. Monson, Secretary of the Budget

Date: August 2, 2023

RE: Fiscal Year 2023-2024 General Appropriations Act Implementation

As you know, HB 611 is awaiting administrative action in the Senate before it can be delivered to the Governor's Desk for enactment. The Office of the Budget stands ready to implement the provisions within HB 611 upon its ratification to ensure no further impacts to services or flow of expected funds are experienced. We recognize there are bipartisan priorities awaiting further legislative language, which our Administration fully expects the House and Senate to deliver to the Governor. Absent that legislative language, I will not release funding for certain programs including those listed below:

- Covid-Relief – ARPA – School Mental Health Grants
- Criminal Indigent Defense
- Emergency Medical Services Rate Increase
- Hospital and Health System Emergency Relief
- Level Up Supplement
- Teacher Stipends
- Whole Home Repair

In addition, there are other budget framework initiatives that require enabling language to implement in Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Examples of those include:

- Environmental School Facilities
- Any Increase in the Educational Improvement Tax Credit
- Rainy Day Transfer Amount