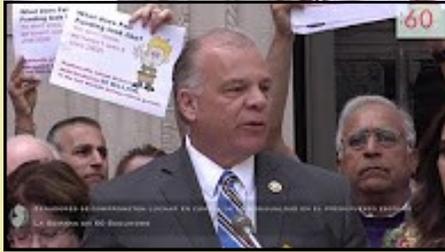


# THIRD DISTRICT'S MONTHLY UPDATE FROM TRENTON

*SEN. SWEENEY, ASM. BURZICHELLI, ASM. TALIAFERRO*

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## ***WATCH: Senate President Sweeney Fights for Fair School Funding in the 2018 Budget***



Senate President Sweeney continues to fight to bring fair state aid to all districts in New Jersey under the School Funding Reform Act of 2008 (SFRA). Most school districts are currently being shortchanged in state school aid, forcing local taxpayers to make up the difference.

Senator Sweeney was joined by several of his Senate colleagues in announcing that they would not advance any budget for the Governor's signature that did not include reforms mandating the proper implementation and funding of the SFRA.

"The time for talking is done," said Senator Sweeney from the Statehouse steps. "The time for action is now."

The Senators' key priorities are elimination of the "hold-harmless" clause, which forces funding away from districts that need it to those that are over-funded, and elimination of the cap in increasing aid a district can receive in a given year, which prevents state aid from keeping up with rapidly-expanding districts. Both would allow the formula to be properly funded and run if phased out. [Click here to view the video.](#)

## ***Sweeney and Taliaferro Mark Ribbon Cutting of Inn at Salem Country Club***



On April 24, Senate President Sweeney and Assemblyman Taliaferro attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the freshly-renovated Inn at Salem Country Club. The new facility uses elements of the old club to pay homage to its history, which goes back to 1898. It includes two bed and breakfast rooms and a special room for catered events. The new owners, Jim and Yvonne Grant, worked with state and local officials to ensure that the 90 acres of land that made up the former golf course property were converted to a nature preserve, run by the state, and open to the public.

"We would like to thank Jim and Yvonne for their vision and commitment to restoring this property," said Senator Sweeney. "It is an honor to congratulate them on bringing their dream to reality."

"It is always a pleasure to see a once-closed or neglected property restored in the concept of a new business owner," added Assemblyman Taliaferro. "We look forward to seeing other business owners inspired by the Grants."

## ***Join Us at One of Our Upcoming Mobile Office Locations***

Our mobile offices are here to put government within your reach. Our legislative staff will be available to assist residents seeking help with any state agency, requesting information on the status of legislation, submitting notary public applications, providing information on various state programs and resources, or simply letting us know where you stand on state issues. Please join us at any of the below:

**May 18, 5 PM - 7 PM - Alloway Municipal Building,  
49 South Greenwich Street**

**May 24, 5 PM - 7 PM - Riverwinds Community Center,  
1000 Riverwinds Drive**

**May 31, 2 PM - 4 PM - Woolwich Municipal Building,  
120 Village Green Drive**

**June 6, 3 PM - 5 PM - Bridgeton Library,  
150 East Commerce Street**

**June 7, 10 AM - 12 PM - Franklin Township Library  
and Community Center, 1584 Coles Mill Road**

**June 15, 1 PM - 3 PM - Deerfield Municipal Building,  
736 Landis Avenue**

**June 21, 10 AM - 12 PM - Salem Family Success Center,  
14 New Market Street**