

Attention EITC/OSTC Participating Business:

There is a heightening concern with regards to not having an approved PA budget and the subsequent withholding of EITC/OSTC approval letters by the Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED).

What You May Already Know:

The longer this situation lingers, and if we finish the calendar year without an approved budget, the following potential results will most likely occur:

- Students/families lose scholarships to attend their school of choice
- School budgets will be negatively impacted
- PA businesses lose state tax credit (2015 fiscal year); for those businesses that submitted applications for the 2015-16 state EITC cycle.

What You May Not Know:

The EITC program is independent of the annual appropriation process (budget approval). As originally enactment in 2001, the EITC statute has been structured so as to be legally independent of the annual appropriation process. The EITC law requires the awarding and granting of tax credits up to the maximum amounts specifically authorized for the current fiscal year, regardless of an approved state budget.

What You Can Do!

In recent days, there has been a ground swell of communications to the Governor requesting that he direct DCED to release the EITC/OSTC approval letters and the appropriated funds.

As a participating business of the EITC program, and believing in its significance for PA families and students, join this advocacy initiative by emailing the Governor at governor@pa.gov. Request that he authorize DCED to release approval letters to businesses and release the annual appropriation of EITC & OSTC funds.

Thank you for taking the time to read this message and for your advocacy efforts on behalf of the families and students served through the EITC & OSTC program.

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