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Settlement to Help Protect Kids on Social Media

By State Rep. Ann Flood

Pennsylvania is part of a multistate coalition that recently reached a settlement with Meta that assures the social media company will implement sweeping changes to its existing age assurance framework, limit children's time on its platforms and cut kids' access to harmful content.

According to Attorney General Dave Sunday, the settlement, which involves up to \$17.1 billion in national remediation payments, is the largest-ever settlement involving a big tech company. Pennsylvania is expected to receive \$516 million over a period of years — and up to \$729 million. The total is contingent on other major social media companies agreeing to the same sweeping changes.

Among the changes Meta must implement under the settlement are:

- Hard cap daily time limits and "productive pauses" for children to interrupt endless scrolling.
- Nighttime blocks restricting children's access from midnight to 6 a.m.
- Limited school-time access for children by eliminating push notifications on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the school year.
- Limits on social comparison features, including beauty filters and visible "like" counts.
- Stronger, more user-friendly parental controls.

Click here for more information and a link to the full settlement <https://links.pahousenews.com/q/AAgrugr1b0XJlVnyv6excOczMCblBwvViZcOJYnZ0aW1lc0ByY24uY29tw4g2-bLtCXDdKEZLFDHQzObjA9LvYA>.



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National Preparedness Month

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September is National Preparedness Month, and this year's theme, "Americans Stand Ready," highlights preparedness as a civic responsibility and patriotic duty.

In the face of disasters like tornadoes, wildfires and hurricanes, Americans can take simple, practical steps to keep themselves and their families safe. By proactively preparing, Americans make the nation stronger and more resilient.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Ready Campaign offers these simple, affordable steps to help you stand ready:

- Be in the know. Make sure you know where to get information when you need it most. Sign up for your community's warning system and download the FEMA App to get emergency safety alerts and resources.
- Make a plan to keep you and your family, including pets, safe and prepared. The plan should include emergency contact information, emergency meeting places and medical information.
- Build a kit with the essential items your family needs to stay safe and comfortable if something happens.
- Be there for your community. From volunteering in your community to learning skills like first aid and CPR, you can take steps to prepare for disasters and keep your family safe and make your neighborhood and community more resilient.

Learn more at Ready.gov/stand-ready.



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PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

COMING SOON!

The Bangor Elks Lodge 1106 is assisting the Slate Belt Veterans Association and *Missions of Love* in **THANKING OUR LOCAL VETERANS** for their service with a **FREE BREAKFAST FOR ALL VETERANS.**

FIRST BREAKFAST WILL BE
OCTOBER 13, 2026

DOORS OPEN AT 8:00 AM

BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED AT 9:00 AM

WILL BE COMPLETED AT 11:00 AM

BREAKFAST WILL CONSIST OF:
EGGS, SAUSAGE, ENGLISH MUFFIN, HASH BROWN, COFFEE AND ORANGE JUICE.

This month's GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE **MIKE ORTOSKI**
OF THE BLUE VALLEY TIMES

LOCATION:
120 BROADWAY
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BREAKFASTS WILL BE HELD ON THE 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 9AM

★ Thank you, Veterans. Your Service. Our Honor. ★



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