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East Pennsboro 4th Graders Learn the Importance of Being Counted

Carlisle, PA – More than 100 East Pennsboro Elementary School 4th graders today learned about the 2020 Census from Cumberland County Commissioners Vince DiFilippo, Jim Hertzler, Gary Eichelberger, and U.S. Census Representative Cindy Dwyer.

“Since the children are learning about Pennsylvania history and civics, we thought this was a perfect opportunity to teach the children about the 2020 census,” said Commissioner Vince DiFilippo. “Most of the children are 10 years old, and this will be the first census in which they will be counted in Cumberland County.”

With more than \$675 Billion in federal funds on the table Cumberland County needs to get its fair share. The United States Census is predicting a 16 percent undercount, or 40,227 Cumberland County residents who are estimated to not respond to the census.

“The census is important for everyone in the county,” DiFilippo added. “If everyone isn’t counted, the county will lose \$84.1 million in funding per year, or \$2,093 loss per person, per year until the next census in 2030.”

Based on the 2010 census data and Low Response Scores – hard to count populations – the areas in the county which have had a low response rate include; Carlisle, Enola, New Cumberland, Newville, Shippensburg, and Wormleysburg.

“We urge all of our families and residents to complete the 2020 Census Survey,” said Dr. Donna Dunar, East Pennsboro Area School District Superintendent. “Every person matters and needs to be counted to ensure that our community gets its fair share of federal funds for our schools, hospitals, roads, and other vitally important services.”

By April 1, 2020, Census Day, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, residents should respond online, by phone, or by mail.

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The United States began the census in 1790. At that time, there were 3.9 million people counted in the original 13 states, the districts of Kentucky, Maine, Vermont and the Southwest Territory. Almost 230 years later, the mission of the census remains, getting everyone counted.

For more information visit [United States Census 2020](#).

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Cumberland County is the fastest growing county in the Commonwealth and offers the perfect mix of small town, suburban and rural living. Established in 1750, Cumberland County consistently maintains one of the lowest tax and unemployment rates in the state, while providing exceptional services for its more than 250,000 residents. More information on Cumberland County can be found at www.ccpa.net.