



2023-24 Budget Advocacy

- 1** PASSHE universities are great at what they do! They provide the most effective and efficient means for the commonwealth to produce more teachers, nurses, physician assistants, social workers and other high-demand roles PA needs to fill.
- 2** To keep tuition affordable, we need more investment from the commonwealth. The currently proposed funding level (2%) would result in a tuition increase our students cannot afford. On the other hand, sufficient funding would allow PASSHE to freeze tuition for a fifth year and help PA families afford quality higher education.
- 3** PASSHE is seeking a 3.8% increase in base funding to help offset historic rates of inflation impacting our universities, plus \$112 million primarily for financial aid for students in programs that are addressing the greatest workforce shortages in PA.