

PRESS RELEASE

**PIAA District III Announces Partnership with M&T Bank as Title Sponsor
of all Sports Championship Finals**

The Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (“PIAA”) has designated M&T Bank as the official sponsor of PIAA District III and title sponsor of all of the post-season championship tournaments, which include 16 sports.

M&T’s commitment of \$25,000 in 2012-13 will enable PIAA District III to continue to conduct high-quality championship events, thus providing a memorable experience for its student athletes. District III includes 117 high schools from the following counties: Adams, Berks, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry and York.

“We are pleased to have M&T Bank as the title sponsor of District III championships,” said Sam Elias, athletic director and assistant principal at Hershey High School and chairman of PIAA District III. “Their support will help us provide a quality experience to the student-athletes who compete in District III.” The M&T partnership marks the first time District III has enlisted a corporate sponsor of its championships.

“M&T is a community-focused bank and supporting District III athletics is another way we work to strengthen the communities we serve,” said Mike Murchie, M&T’s Regional President for Central and Western Pennsylvania.

M&T Bank Corporation, founded in 1856, is one of the top 20 bank holding companies in the nation. With more than 725 branch offices and access to over 1,800 ATM locations, M&T Bank has a presence in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Washington D.C., Virginia, New York and West Virginia. More information is available at www.mtb.com.

The PIAA District III is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that regulates interscholastic athletic competition and conducts post-season championship tournament events for its member schools in a variety of sports.