

Dear Fellow City Employees,

I have some great news for you and for all of us – the implementation of Plan C will stop immediately!

I am in Harrisburg right now where the Senate has just approved House Bill 1828 – the legislation is now on its way to Governor Rendell's desk for his signature.

This means we will not send out nearly 3,000 layoff notices; all libraries, rec centers, health centers will remain open; trash pick up will not change; all of our Departments will remain open for business – all of the devastating consequences of Plan C will be avoided.

It was your hard work, your dedication, and your commitment to public service that helped ensure this success. I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for what you do every day.

This has been a tough year. The worldwide economic crisis hit us hard. But we rolled up our sleeves and met the crisis head on.

And, now with the passage of HB 1828, we can turn this difficult corner and once again renew our efforts to move forward.

I am so proud of how we have weathered this storm as a city, with a typical fighting Philly spirit. Just think of what we can achieve together when we turn that resilience, that determination, that teamwork towards the tremendous opportunities and endless possibilities that lie ahead.

Thank you.

Mayor Michael A. Nutter