



# PENNSYLVANIA

## Budget and Policy Center

### How Gov. Wolf's Proposed 2015-16 Budget Would Impact Rep. Tina Pickett's District

After four years of austerity budgets that made deep cuts to public services, public schools are struggling, property taxes are rising, and Pennsylvania remains near the bottom of state rankings in job growth since 2011. Gov. Wolf has proposed a budget that reinvests in our future by restoring funding for education from pre-K to college and delivering property tax relief to homeowners.

#### School Districts in Rep. Tina Pickett's Legislative District Would Receive

- \$4 million in new funding
- 145 new Pre-K slots
- \$2 million in savings from standardized payments to cyber charters

#### Meanwhile, Homeowners Would Receive Property Tax Relief

- The typical homeowner in the district will see a property tax reduction of \$849
- That's a reduction of 73%

#### A Drilling Tax Would Raise Millions in New Revenue for Schools and Other Needs

- \$5.3 million for the district
- \$1.08 billion statewide

#### Gov. Wolf's Proposed Minimum Wage Increase Would Raise the Wages of

- 6,498 workers in the district
- That's 28% of district workers

#### The Budget and Leveraged Federal Funds Would Also Support Investments in Human Services in the District<sup>1</sup>

- Human services funding increase of \$5,818<sup>2</sup>
- 1,025 individuals newly eligible under Medicaid
- 83 more children will receive health coverage under CHIP
- Increased funding for mental health services of \$105,599

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*The back of this sheet has school-district specific data on school funding and property tax relief. Visit [www.pennbpc.org/OTA\\_Budget](http://www.pennbpc.org/OTA_Budget) find full details on the data sources and methodology used to generate these estimates, as well as some additional information.*

## How Governor Wolf's Budget Proposal Would Affect School Districts in Rep. Tina Pickett's Legislative District<sup>2</sup>

	Total Increase in School Funding	Decrease in Property Taxes for the Typical Homeowner	Percent Decrease in Property Taxes
<b>Total</b>	\$4,089,514	\$849	73%
Athens Area SD	\$710,009	\$894	77%
Canton Area SD	\$288,697	\$835	86%
Elk Lake SD	\$355,657	\$1,145	80%
Montrose Area SD	\$432,420	\$1,257	74%
Mountain View SD	\$338,395	\$897	60%
Northeast Bradford SD	\$246,759	\$666	81%
Sayre Area SD	\$317,970	\$834	80%
Sullivan County SD	\$115,045	\$509	52%
Towanda Area SD	\$396,329	\$691	71%
Troy Area SD	\$512,656	\$635	84%
Wyalusing Area SD	\$375,577	\$674	63%

### Notes.

<sup>1</sup>All the figures in this section represent the sum of county totals for any county covered in part or in whole by Rep. Tina Pickett's district.

<sup>2</sup>Human services is defined here as the sum of the funding increase for the human services development fund and homeless assistance.

<sup>3</sup>The total and percent reduction in property taxes for Rep. Tina Pickett's legislative district are a weighted average of the property tax reductions for each school district. The weights were determined by the number of homesteads in each school district.