



# PENNSYLVANIA

## Budget and Policy Center

### How Gov. Wolf's Proposed 2015-16 Budget Would Impact Rep. Jerry Knowles'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. Jerry Knowles's Legislative District Would Receive

- \$6 million in new funding
- 254 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 \$832
- That's a reduction of 67%

#### 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

- 7,312 workers in the district
- That's 27% 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 \$80,959<sup>2</sup>
- 1,250 individuals newly eligible under Medicaid
- 106 more children will receive health coverage under CHIP
- Increased funding for mental health services of \$906,824

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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. Jerry Knowles'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>	\$6,044,719	\$832	67%
Blue Mountain SD	\$496,842	\$766	44%
Hamburg Area SD	\$506,691	\$1,223	51%
Hazleton Area SD	\$2,073,395	\$814	72%
Kutztown Area SD	\$257,674	\$910	30%
Mahanoy Area SD	\$430,059	\$476	94%
North Schuylkill SD	\$643,273	\$686	83%
Panther Valley SD	\$777,948	\$889	87%
Schuylkill Haven Area SD	\$353,792	\$1,037	72%
Tamaqua Area SD	\$505,045	\$749	66%

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### 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. Jerry Knowles'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. Jerry Knowles'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.