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How Gov. Wolf's Proposed 2015-16 Budget Would Impact Rep. Robert Freeman'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. Robert Freeman's Legislative District Would Receive

- \$7 million in new funding
- 225 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 \$1,273
- That's a reduction of 42%

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

- 6,378 workers in the district
- That's 23% of district workers

The Budget and Leveraged Federal Funds Would Also Support Investments in Human Services in the District¹

- Human services funding increase of \$20,094²
- 1,216 individuals newly eligible under Medicaid
- 100 more children will receive health coverage under CHIP
- Increased funding for mental health services of \$393,393

The back of this sheet has school-district specific data on school funding and property tax relief. Visit 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. Robert Freeman's Legislative District²

	Total Increase in School Funding	Decrease in Property Taxes for the Typical Homeowner	Percent Decrease in Property Taxes
Total	\$7,164,693	\$1,273	42%
Bethlehem Area SD	\$4,554,299	\$1,191	42%
Easton Area SD	\$1,749,218	\$1,507	43%
Saucon Valley SD	\$299,658	\$884	27%
Wilson Area SD	\$561,518	\$1,407	54%

Notes.

¹All the figures in this section represent the sum of county totals for any county covered in part or in whole by Rep. Robert Freeman's district.

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

³The total and percent reduction in property taxes for Rep. Robert Freeman'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.