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How Gov. Wolf's Proposed 2015-16 Budget Would Impact Pennsylvania

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 Would Receive

- \$507 million in new funding
- 14,000 new Pre-K slots
- \$162 million in savings from standardized payments to cyber charters

Meanwhile, Homeowners Would Receive Property Tax Relief

- The typical homeowner will see a property tax reduction of \$968
- That's a reduction of 50%

A Drilling Tax Would Raise A Billion Dollars for Schools and Other Needs

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

- 1.27 million workers in the state
- That's 23% of workers in the state

Colleges and Universities Would Also Receive New Funding

- \$15 million in new funding for community colleges
- \$44 million in new funding for state system universities
- \$83 million in new funding for state-related universities

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

- Human services funding increase of \$498,667¹
- 238,066 individuals newly eligible under Medicaid
- 20,098 more children will receive health coverage under CHIP
- Increased funding for mental health services of \$18.9 million

To See How Governor Wolf's Budget Proposal Would Affect Your Local Community, Check Out the Details for State Senate and State House Districts:

www.pennbpc.org/OTA_Budget

¹Human services is defined here as the sum of the funding increase for the human services development fund and homeless assistance.