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How Gov. Wolf's Proposed 2015-16 Budget Would Impact Sen. John Yudichak'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 Sen. John Yudichak's Legislative District Would Receive

- \$12 million in new funding
- 421 new Pre-K slots
- \$4 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 \$869
- That's a reduction of 65%

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

- \$21 million for the district
- \$1.08 billion statewide

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

- 26,954 workers in the district
- That's 25% of district workers

Colleges and Universities With Campuses in the District Would Also Receive New Funding

- \$725,517 in new funding for Luzerne County Community College

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

- Human services funding increase of \$41,398²
- 5,216 individuals newly eligible under Medicaid
- 372 more children will receive health coverage under CHIP
- Increased funding for mental health services of \$413,724

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 Sen. John Yudichak's Legislative District²

	Total Increase in School Funding	Decrease in Property Taxes for the Typical Homeowner	Percent Decrease in Property Taxes
Total	\$11,755,861	\$869	65%
Crestwood SD	\$434,011	\$377	23%
Greater Nanticoke Area SD	\$777,877	\$687	87%
Hanover Area SD	\$610,186	\$871	72%
Hazleton Area SD	\$2,073,395	\$814	72%
Jim Thorpe Area SD	\$392,995	\$1,184	53%
Lehighon Area SD	\$611,820	\$1,297	61%
Palmerton Area SD	\$526,514	\$1,408	57%
Panther Valley SD	\$777,948	\$889	87%
Pittston Area SD	\$663,301	\$738	59%
Weatherly Area SD	\$179,766	\$1,030	62%
Wilkes-Barre Area SD	\$2,374,642	\$840	73%
Wyoming Area SD	\$518,251	\$892	57%
Wyoming Valley West SD	\$1,815,155	\$936	70%

Notes.

¹All the figures in this section represent the sum of county totals for any county covered in part or in whole by Sen. John Yudichak'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 Sen. John Yudichak'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.