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

- \$14 million in new funding
- 383 new Pre-K slots
- \$6 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 \$1,142
- That's a reduction of 59%

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

- 29,994 workers in the district
- That's 27% of district workers

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

- \$51 million in new funding for Penn State (statewide)

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

- Human services funding increase of \$67,786²
- 4,977 individuals newly eligible under Medicaid
- 346 more children will receive health coverage under CHIP
- Increased funding for mental health services of \$754,546

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 Blake's Legislative District²

	Total Increase in School Funding	Decrease in Property Taxes for the Typical Homeowner	Percent Decrease in Property Taxes
Total	\$13,732,633	\$1,142	59%
Abington Heights SD	\$342,763	\$666	28%
Carbondale Area SD	\$703,126	\$897	95%
Dunmore SD	\$267,346	\$573	50%
East Stroudsburg Area SD	\$2,254,182	\$2,217	54%
Forest City Regional SD	\$212,739	\$980	61%
Lackawanna Trail SD	\$306,940	\$1,133	58%
Lake-Lehman SD	\$401,376	\$532	34%
Mid Valley SD	\$185,975	\$563	55%
North Pocono SD	\$609,975	\$943	55%
Old Forge SD	\$247,030	\$544	37%
Pittston Area SD	\$663,301	\$738	59%
Pocono Mountain SD	\$3,572,729	\$1,819	55%
Riverside SD	\$253,507	\$692	56%
Scranton SD	\$3,195,818	\$1,015	89%
Valley View SD	\$515,826	\$763	66%

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 Blake'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 Blake'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.