



# PENNSYLVANIA

## Budget and Policy Center

### How Gov. Wolf's Proposed 2015-16 Budget Would Impact Sen. Joseph Scarnati'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. Joseph Scarnati's Legislative District Would Receive

- \$12 million in new funding
- 406 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 \$755
- That's a reduction of 76%

#### 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

- 27,414 workers in the district
- That's 29% of district workers

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

- \$3 million in new funding for Lock Haven University
- \$855,484 in new funding for Mansfield University
- \$15 million in new funding for Pitt (statewide)
- \$51 million in new funding for Penn State (statewide)
- \$5 million in new funding for Indiana University

#### The Budget and Leveraged Federal Funds Would Also Support Investments in Human Services in the District<sup>1</sup>

- Human services funding increase of \$36,057<sup>2</sup>
- 4,411 individuals newly eligible under Medicaid
- 352 more children will receive health coverage under CHIP
- Increased funding for mental health services of \$581,684

*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 Sen. Joseph Scarnati'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>	<b>\$12,276,602</b>	<b>\$755</b>	<b>76%</b>
Austin Area SD	\$48,465	\$661	70%
Bradford Area SD	\$771,754	\$867	88%
Brockway Area SD	\$207,824	\$555	88%
Brookville Area SD	\$362,326	\$643	74%
Cameron County SD	\$232,284	\$619	81%
Canton Area SD	\$288,697	\$835	86%
Clarion-Limestone Area SD	\$238,975	\$725	68%
Clearfield Area SD	\$772,753	\$676	70%
Coudersport Area SD	\$180,557	\$898	72%
Dubois Area SD	\$955,514	\$808	72%
Forest Area SD	\$151,422	\$447	56%
Galeton Area SD	\$124,346	\$542	64%
Jersey Shore Area SD	\$799,213	\$1,072	76%
Johnsonburg Area SD	\$185,951	\$545	85%
Kane Area SD	\$390,559	\$698	97%
Keystone Central SD	\$1,772,812	\$869	73%
Northern Potter SD	\$178,108	\$692	84%
Northern Tioga SD	\$694,701	\$972	89%
Oswayo Valley SD	\$199,566	\$755	88%
Otto-Eldred SD	\$263,843	\$630	98%
Port Allegany SD	\$339,222	\$752	99%
Punxsutawney Area SD	\$740,344	\$652	87%
Ridgway Area SD	\$220,822	\$625	74%
Saint Marys Area SD	\$437,846	\$417	47%
Smethport Area SD	\$254,867	\$632	90%
Southern Tioga SD	\$638,404	\$998	76%
Wellsboro Area SD	\$307,169	\$855	55%
West Branch Area SD	\$518,258	\$742	88%

**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 Sen. Joseph Scarnati'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 Sen. Joseph Scarnati'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.