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

- \$11 million in new funding
- 299 new Pre-K slots
- \$3 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 \$659
- 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

- 30,018 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 \$64,495²
- 5,122 individuals newly eligible under Medicaid
- 397 more children will receive health coverage under CHIP
- Increased funding for mental health services of \$622,211

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. Pat Stefano's Legislative District²

	Total Increase in School Funding	Decrease in Property Taxes for the Typical Homeowner	Percent Decrease in Property Taxes
Total	\$10,580,437	\$659	76%
Albert Gallatin Area SD	\$1,352,953	\$625	98%
Belle Vernon Area SD	\$617,789	\$867	60%
Berlin Brothersvalley SD	\$216,878	\$521	71%
Brownsville Area SD	\$822,797	\$633	97%
Conemaugh Township Area SD	\$218,596	\$477	68%
Connellsville Area SD	\$1,899,255	\$660	85%
Frazier SD	\$240,357	\$786	73%
Laurel Highlands SD	\$999,150	\$723	69%
Meyersdale Area SD	\$268,942	\$419	86%
Monessen City SD	\$343,878	\$822	83%
Mount Pleasant Area SD	\$519,860	\$774	57%
North Star SD	\$347,344	\$557	77%
Rockwood Area SD	\$137,430	\$336	60%
Salisbury-Elk Lick SD	\$66,923	\$416	76%
Shade-Central City SD	\$177,585	\$537	88%
Shanksville-Stonycreek SD	\$60,886	\$706	58%
Somerset Area SD	\$488,583	\$624	52%
Southmoreland SD	\$558,349	\$743	74%
Turkeyfoot Valley Area SD	\$106,361	\$467	81%
Uniontown Area SD	\$871,828	\$676	78%
Windber Area SD	\$264,693	\$457	90%

Notes.

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