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

- \$7 million in new funding
- 240 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 \$647
- That's a reduction of 44%

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

- 27,542 workers in the district
- That's 23% of district workers

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

- \$725,640 in new funding for Westmoreland County Community
- \$15 million in new funding for Pitt (statewide)

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

- Human services funding increase of \$33,056²
- 3,898 individuals newly eligible under Medicaid
- 370 more children will receive health coverage under CHIP
- Increased funding for mental health services of \$309,575

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. Kim Ward's Legislative District²

	Total Increase in School Funding	Decrease in Property Taxes for the Typical Homeowner	Percent Decrease in Property Taxes
Total	\$6,704,552	\$647	44%
Derry Area SD	\$542,941	\$775	68%
Franklin Regional SD	\$445,992	\$601	20%
Greater Latrobe SD	\$678,731	\$662	42%
Greensburg Salem SD	\$696,111	\$758	56%
Hempfield Area SD	\$965,440	\$589	36%
Jeannette City SD	\$427,657	\$773	83%
Ligonier Valley SD	\$341,982	\$301	23%
Mount Pleasant Area SD	\$519,860	\$774	57%
Norwin SD	\$807,050	\$607	40%
Penn-Trafford SD	\$629,361	\$697	36%
Yough SD	\$649,427	\$726	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. Kim Ward'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. Kim Ward'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.