



# PENNSYLVANIA

## Budget and Policy Center

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

- \$19 million in new funding
- 528 new Pre-K slots
- \$10 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 \$1,520
- That's a reduction of 46%

#### 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

- 24,568 workers in the district
- That's 22% of district workers

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

- \$1 million in new funding for Northampton Community College
- \$3 million in new funding for East Stroudsburg 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 \$52,086<sup>2</sup>
- 3,530 individuals newly eligible under Medicaid
- 334 more children will receive health coverage under CHIP
- Increased funding for mental health services of \$1 million

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*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. Mario Scavello'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>	\$18,674,631	\$1,520	46%
Bangor Area SD	\$795,385	\$1,489	52%
Bethlehem Area SD	\$4,554,299	\$1,191	42%
East Stroudsburg Area SD	\$2,254,182	\$2,217	54%
Easton Area SD	\$1,749,218	\$1,507	43%
Nazareth Area SD	\$640,271	\$1,317	38%
Northampton Area SD	\$1,190,559	\$793	27%
Northern Lehigh SD	\$570,402	\$1,291	43%
Pen Argyl Area SD	\$416,653	\$1,204	46%
Pleasant Valley SD	\$1,788,819	\$2,150	61%
Pocono Mountain SD	\$3,572,729	\$1,819	55%
Stroudsburg Area SD	\$1,142,114	\$2,130	51%

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### 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. Mario Scavello'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. Mario Scavello'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.