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

- \$24 million in new funding
- 320 new Pre-K slots
- \$9 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 \$749
- That's a reduction of 61%

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

- 21,176 workers in the district
- That's 22% of district workers

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

- \$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 \$159,478²
- 3,456 individuals newly eligible under Medicaid
- 285 more children will receive health coverage under CHIP
- Increased funding for mental health services of \$3 million

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. Jay Costa's Legislative District²

	Total Increase in School Funding	Decrease in Property Taxes for the Typical Homeowner	Percent Decrease in Property Taxes
Total	\$23,641,408	\$749	61%
Baldwin-Whitehall SD	\$744,915	\$797	40%
Penn Hills SD	\$2,616,791	\$996	56%
Pittsburgh SD	\$14,895,172	\$555	69%
Riverview SD	\$269,971	\$889	30%
Steel Valley SD	\$614,268	\$984	66%
West Mifflin Area SD	\$625,897	\$1,077	59%
Wilkesburg Borough SD	\$1,044,568	\$1,115	61%
Woodland Hills SD	\$2,829,826	\$981	51%

Notes.

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