



# PENNSYLVANIA

## Budget and Policy Center

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

- \$15 million in new funding
- 408 new Pre-K slots
- \$5 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 \$931
- That's a reduction of 56%

#### 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

- 21,550 workers in the district
- That's 22% of district workers

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

- \$2 million in new funding for Community College of Allegheny County
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- \$51 million in new funding for Penn State (statewide)

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

- Human services funding increase of \$203,063<sup>2</sup>
- 3,410 individuals newly eligible under Medicaid
- 289 more children will receive health coverage under CHIP
- Increased funding for mental health services of \$4 million

*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. Jim Brewster'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>\$15,311,429</b>	<b>\$931</b>	<b>56%</b>
Baldwin-Whitehall SD	\$744,915	\$797	40%
Brentwood Borough SD	\$299,073	\$1,346	59%
Burrell SD	\$366,720	\$802	45%
Clairton City SD	\$492,011	\$877	96%
Duquesne City SD	\$615,338	\$614	100%
East Allegheny SD	\$804,565	\$1,244	68%
Elizabeth Forward SD	\$573,087	\$1,130	57%
Gateway SD	\$763,645	\$1,018	48%
Kiski Area SD	\$852,100	\$810	59%
Leechburg Area SD	\$196,955	\$1,216	68%
Mckeesport Area SD	\$2,063,453	\$858	97%
New Kensington-Arnold SD	\$964,108	\$999	84%
Norwin SD	\$807,050	\$607	40%
Penn-Trafford SD	\$629,361	\$697	36%
Plum Borough SD	\$751,773	\$1,168	52%
South Allegheny SD	\$557,551	\$937	89%
West Jefferson Hills SD	\$374,001	\$1,107	45%
West Mifflin Area SD	\$625,897	\$1,077	59%
Woodland Hills SD	\$2,829,826	\$981	51%

### 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. Jim Brewster'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. Jim Brewster'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.