

Bristol Township School District

State Funding and Local Taxes

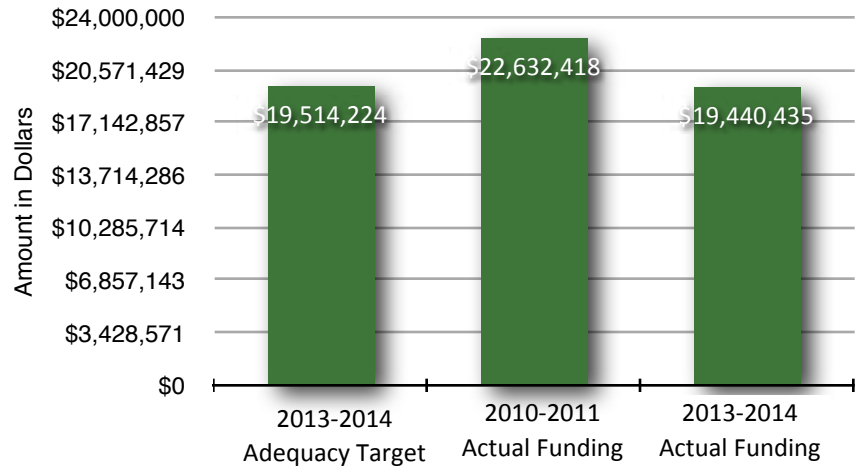
In 2011, Governor Corbett cut \$1 billion from state education funding and dismantled the funding formula, making Pennsylvania one of only 3 states that do not use a formula.

Now, school districts are receiving less state funding.

With the amount of state aid received for the 2013-14 academic year, Bristol Township School District is still:

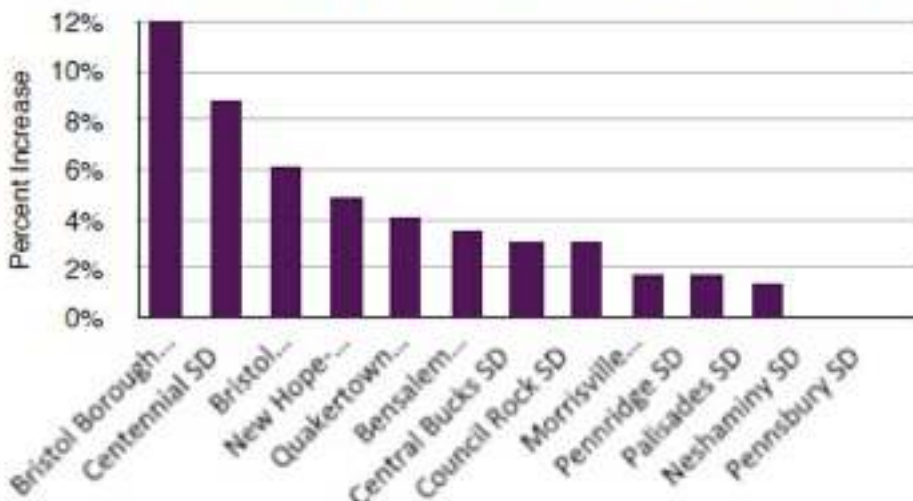
- ◆ More than **\$100 thousand** away from 2013-14 adequacy targets
- ◆ More than **\$3 million** away from restoring funds back to 2010-2011 levels

State Aid in Bristol Township



To cope with state budget cuts, the burden of funding schools has fallen on local communities. During the past three years, many school districts have raised property taxes at least once.

Bucks County School Districts Property Tax Increase 2010-2013



Among the 12 districts in Bucks County, Bristol Township School District experienced the third highest increase on property taxes over the last three years.

Student Performance Facts

* Bristol Township has one of the smallest reading achievement gaps for economically disadvantaged students in Bucks County.

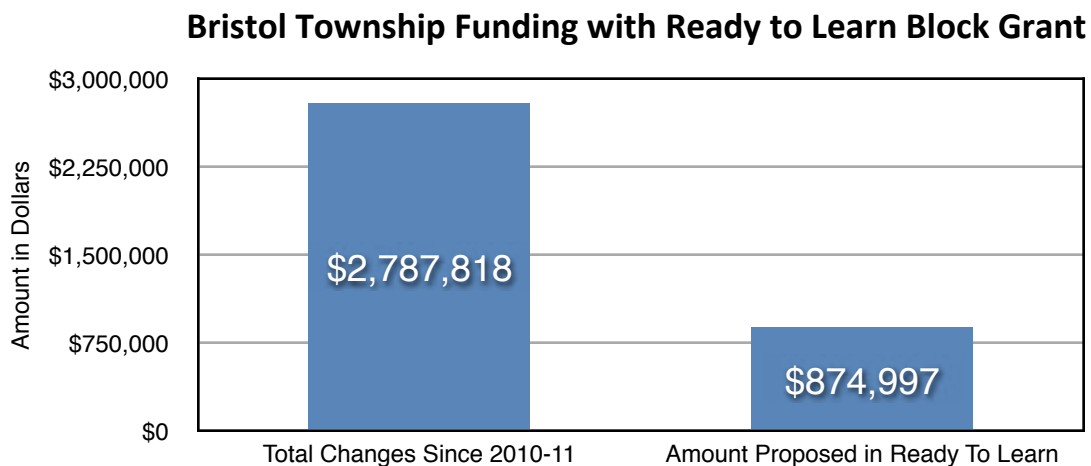
In the 2011-12 academic year, about 70% of Bristol Township students performed at or about grade level in math and reading, compared to 90% of students countywide

* Bristol Township School District graduates 83% of its students, the same rate as the statewide average, but the 3rd lowest rate in Bucks County

What does the future hold for Bristol Township School District?

The Governor's 2014-15 budget proposal calls for \$241 million to restore funding for Pennsylvania's schools, most of which will be available through the newly created *Ready to Learn Block Grant*. If the Governor's proposal is adopted by legislature, next year districts will be \$440 million short in state funds compared to 2010-11 funding levels.

Even with the Governor's proposed *Ready to Learn Block Grant* for the 2014-15 academic year, the Bristol Township School District is still **over \$1.9 million short in state aid** compared to 2010-11 funding levels.



What can you do?

Contact your senator/representative and let them know that you want them to be a leader in:

- Restoring the cuts to education funding
- Establishing a Fair Funding Formula

The Senator for the Bristol Township School District is:



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