

Centennial Borough School District

State Funding and Local Taxes

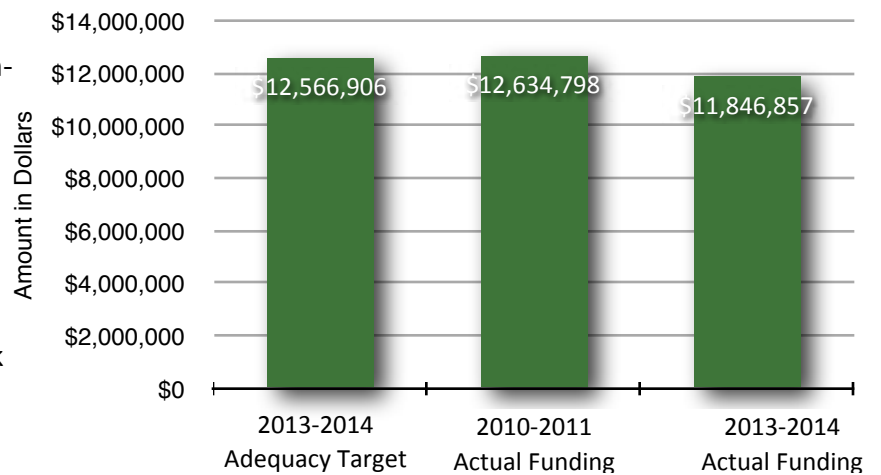
In 2011, Governor Corbett cut \$1 billion from state education funding and dismantled the funding formula, making Pennsylvania one of only 3 states that do not use a formula.

Now, school districts are receiving less state funding.

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

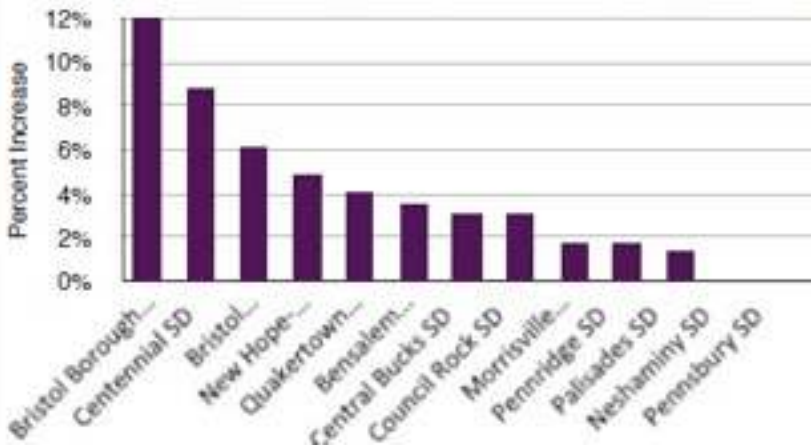
- ◆ More than **\$900 thousand** away from 2013-14 adequacy targets
- ◆ More than **\$750 thousand** away from restoring funds back to 2010-2011 levels

State Aid in Centennial



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, Centennial School District experienced the **second highest increase on property taxes** over the last three years.

Student Performance Facts

*About 75% of all Centennial students scored at or above grade level in reading and math in 2012.

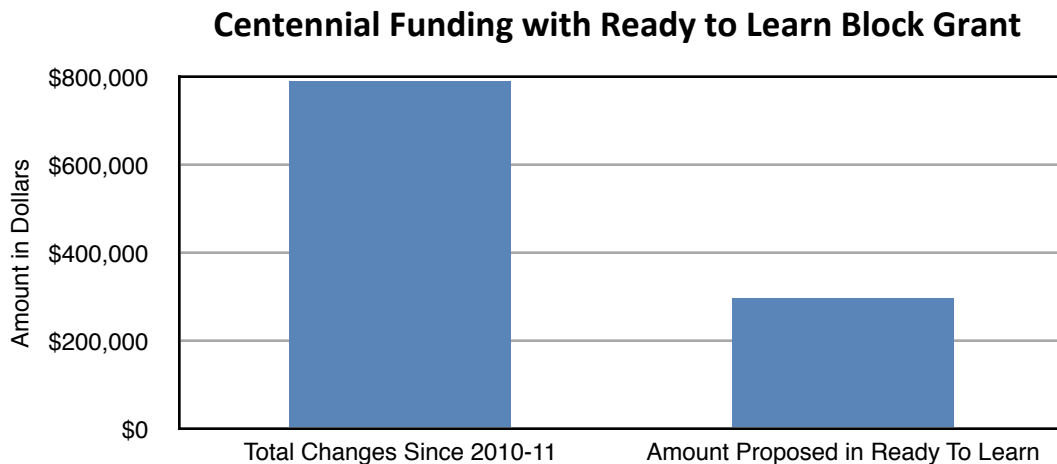
In Bucks County, Centennial School District has the largest reading performance achievement gap between black students and all students.

*Centennial School District's graduation rate ranks 8th of the 12 districts in Bucks County, but is above the state average of 83%.

What does the future hold for Centennial 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 Centennial School District is still **\$490 thousand 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

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