

Central Bucks School District

State Funding and Local Taxes

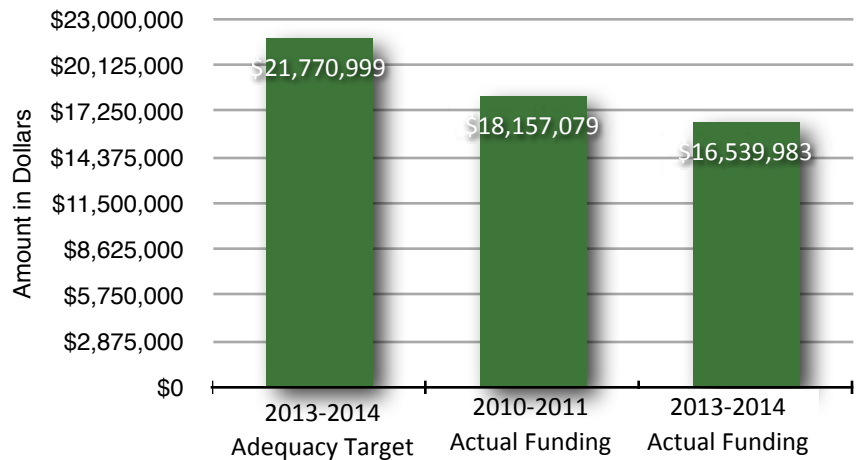
In 2011, Governor Corbett cut \$1 billion from state education funding and dismantled the funding formula, making Pennsylvania one of only 3 states that do not use a formula.

Now, school districts are receiving less state funding.

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

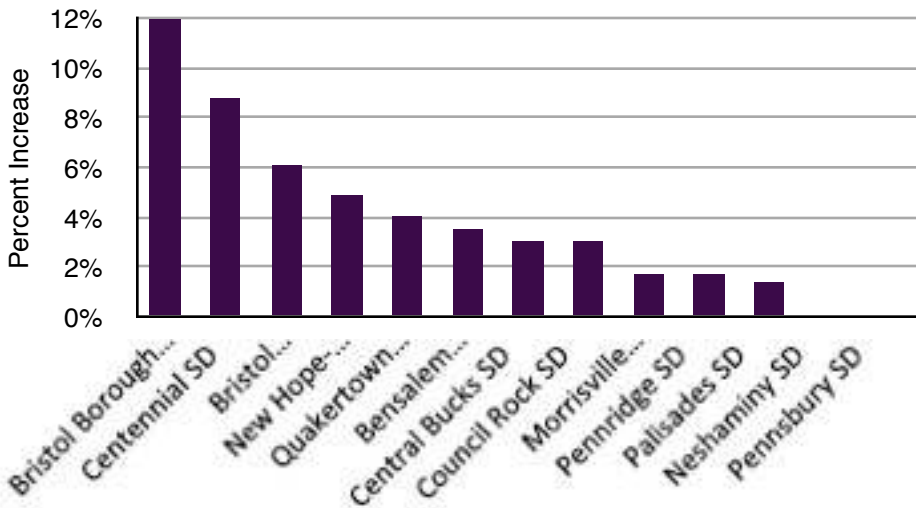
- ◆ More than **\$5 million** away from 2013-14 adequacy targets
- ◆ More than **\$1.5 million** away from restoring funds back to 2010-2011 levels

State Aid in Central Bucks



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



Central Bucks is one of eight districts in Bucks County that raised property taxes by more than 3% in the past 3 years.

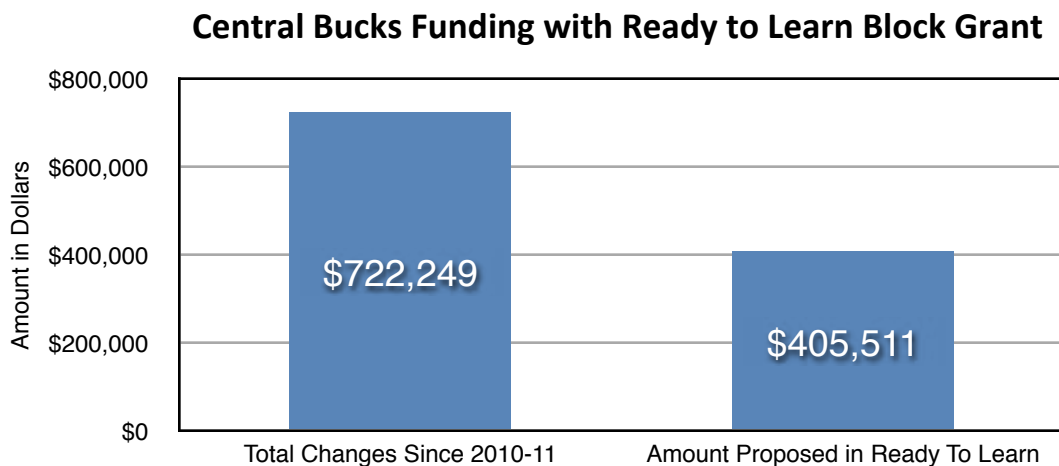
Student Performance Facts

- * Central Bucks School District has a 5-10% achievement gap in reading for all subgroups, with the largest gap for economically disadvantaged students.
- * Central Bucks has the highest graduation rate in the county, with 98% of students graduating.
- * In the 2011-12 academic year, about 90% of Central Bucks students performed at or above grade level in reading and math, the second highest scores in the county

What does the future hold for Central Bucks 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 Central Bucks School District is still **over \$300 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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