

Coatesville Area School District

State Funding and Local Taxes

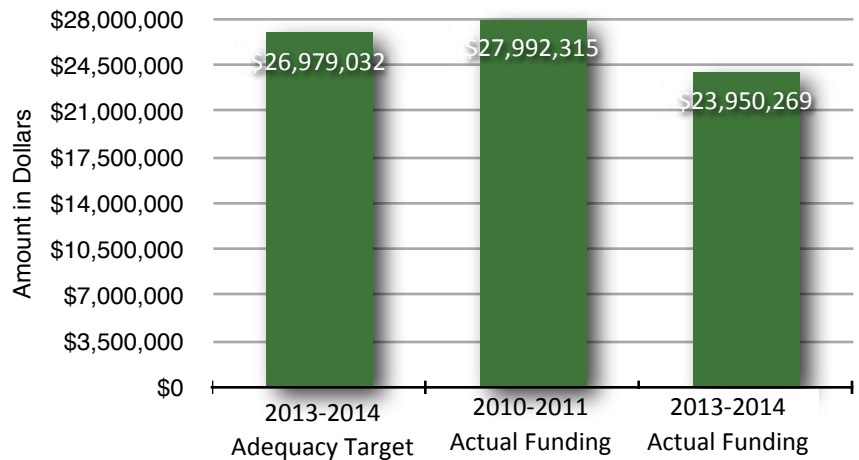
In 2011, Governor Corbett cut \$1 billion from state education funding and dismantled the funding formula, making Pennsylvania one of only 3 states that do not use a formula.

Now, school districts are receiving less state funding.

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

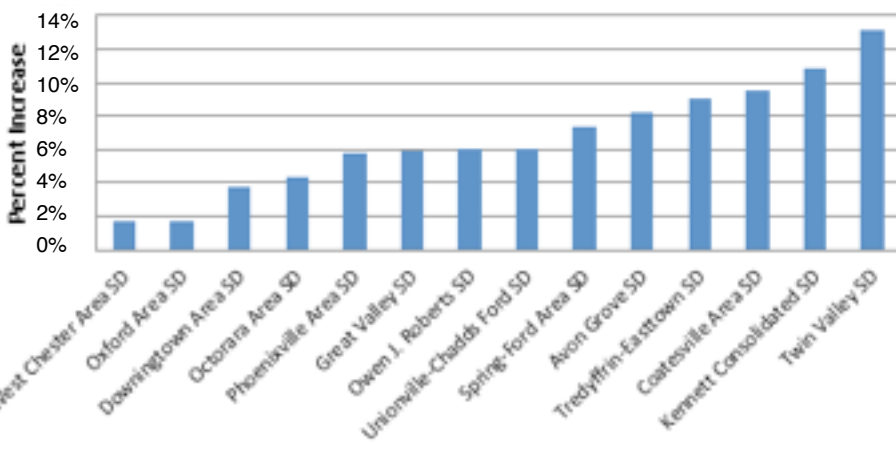
- ◆ More than **\$3 million** away from 2013-14 adequacy targets
- ◆ More than **\$4 million** away from restoring funds back to 2010-2011 levels

State Aid in Coatesville Area



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.

Chester County School Districts Property Tax Increase 2010-2013



Coatesville Area has increased property taxes 9.5% in the past 3 years, the third highest increase in Chester County.

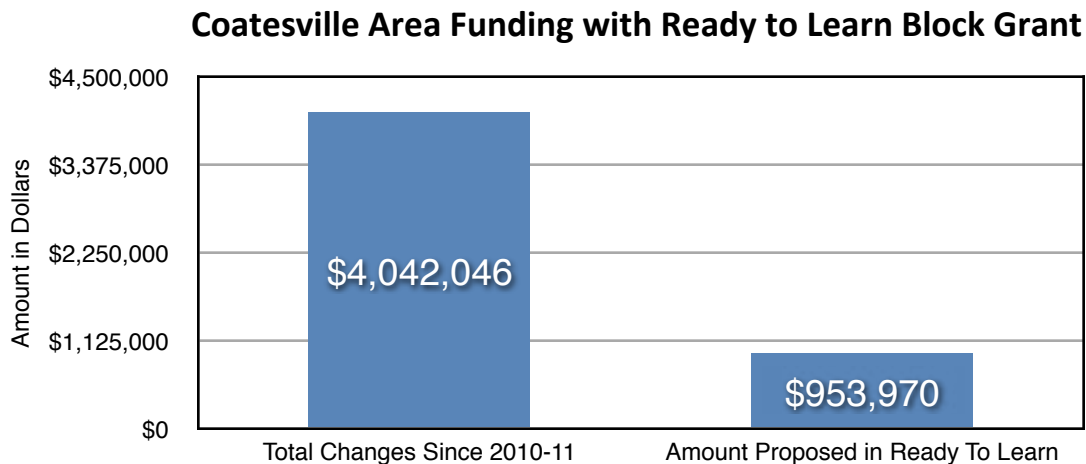
Student Performance Facts

- * Coatesville Area has nearly a 20% achievement gap in reading for Black, Hispanic, and economically disadvantaged students.
- * Coatesville Area has the second lowest graduation rate in Chester County, with just slightly more than the state average of 83% of students graduating.
- * In the 2011-12 academic year, Coatesville Area students had the lowest PSSA scores in Chester County, with fewer than 70% of students performing at or above grade level in both math and reading.

What does the future hold for Coatesville Area 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 Coatesville Area School District is still **over \$3.5 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 Coatesville Area School District is:



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