

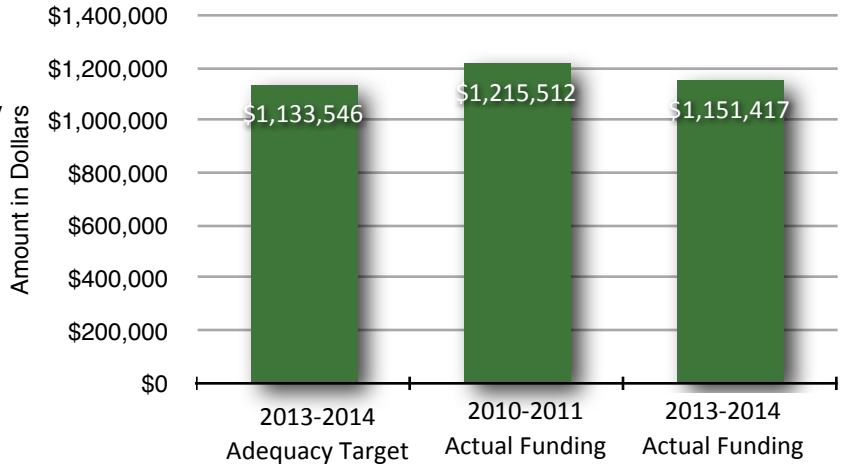
New Hope-Solebury School District

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.

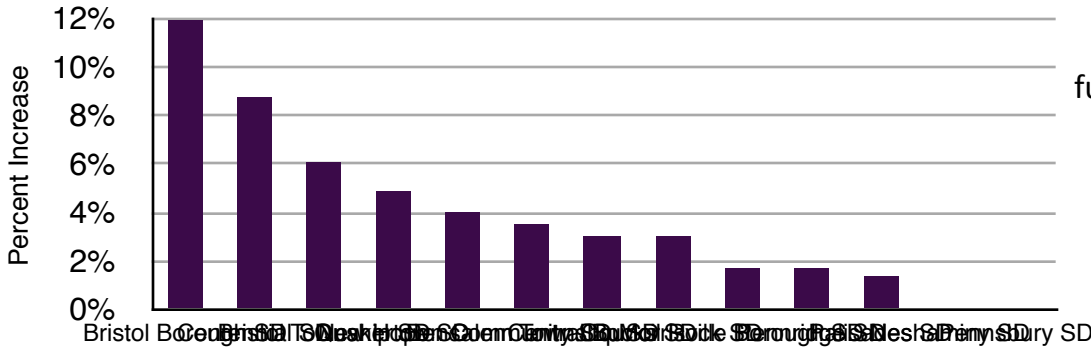
Now, school districts are receiving less state funding.

With the amount of state aid received for the 2013-14 academic year, New Hope-Solebury School District is the only school district in Bucks County receiving funding at adequacy.



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



In order to maintain this level of funding, New Hope-Solebury School District has raised property taxes 4.9% in the last three years.

Student Performance Facts

In the 2011-12 academic year, New Hope-Solebury School District had the highest percentage of students performing at or above grade level in reading.

* New-Hope Solebury is the only school district in Bucks County that does not have a significant proportion of economically disadvantaged students.

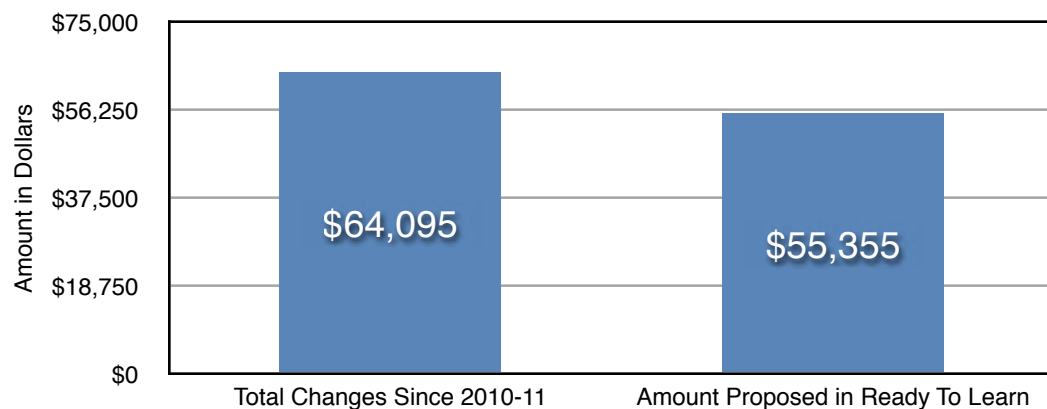
* New Hope-Solebury has the 3rd highest graduation rate in Bucks County.

What does the future hold for New Hope-Solebury 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 New Hope-Solebury School District is still **\$9 thousand short in state aid** compared to 2010-11 funding levels.

New Hope-Solebury Funding with Ready to Learn Block Grant



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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