

# Norristown Area School District

## State Funding and Local Taxes

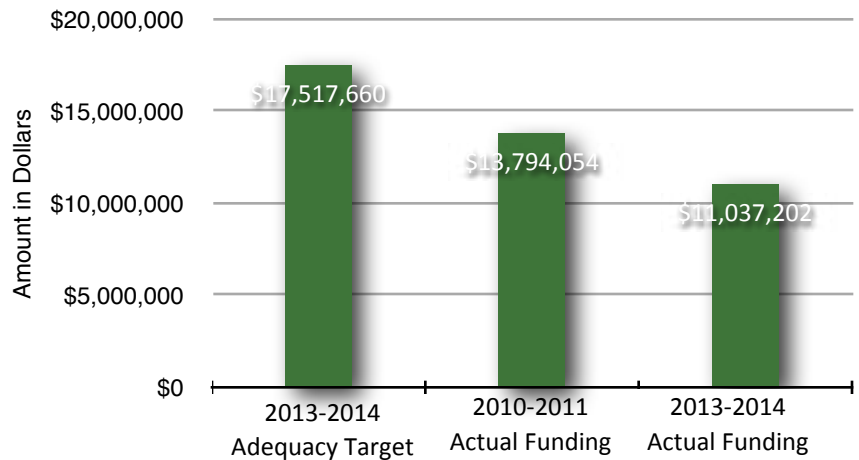
In 2011, Governor Corbett cut \$1 billion from state education funding and dismantled the funding formula, making Pennsylvania one of only 3 states that do not use a formula.

Now, school districts are receiving less state funding.

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

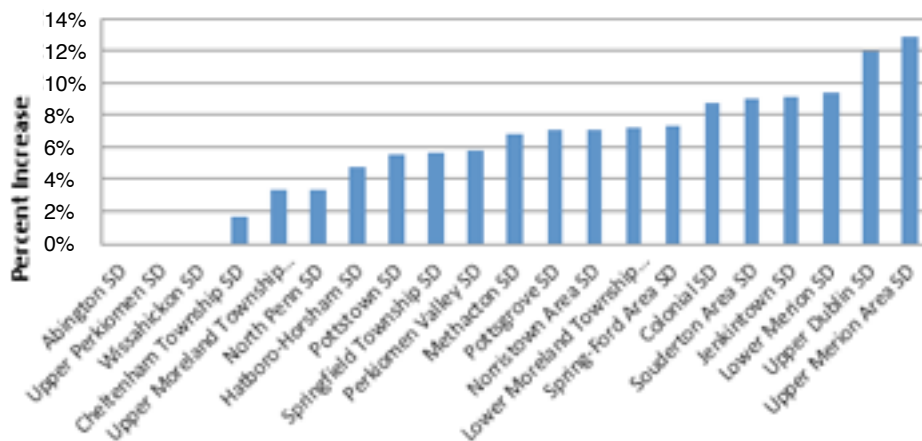
- ◆ More than **\$6 million** away from 2013-14 adequacy targets.
- ◆ More than **\$2 million** away from 2010-2011 funding levels.

**State Aid in Norristown 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.

**Montgomery County School Districts Property Tax Increases 2010-2013**



Norristown Area is one of ten school districts in Montgomery County that increased property taxes by more than 7% in the past 3 years.

## Student Performance Facts

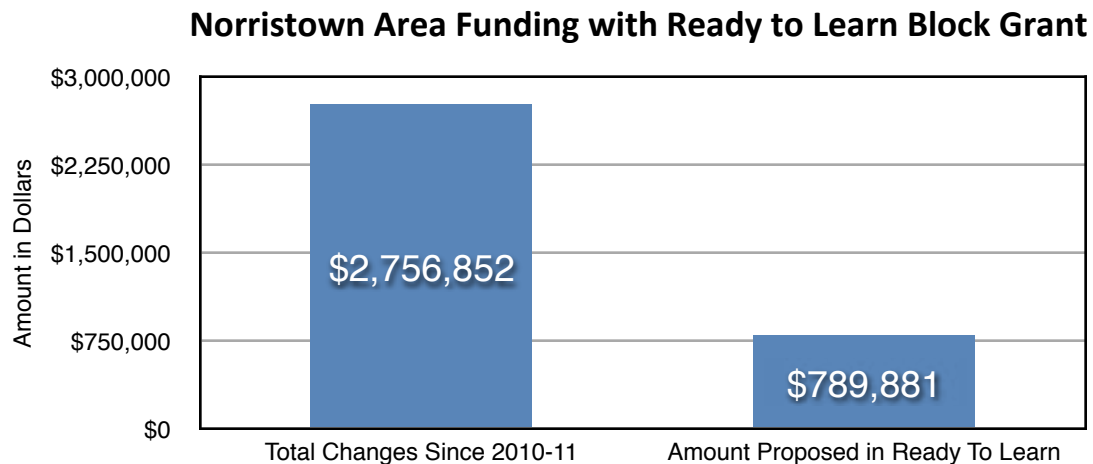
\* In 2012, Norristown Area had the lowest percentage of students performing at or above grade level in reading and math.

\* Norristown Area has a graduation rate of about 85%, the *third lowest rate* in Montgomery County.

## What does the future hold for Norristown 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 Norristown Area School District will be more than **\$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

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