

Ridley School District

State Funding and Local Taxes

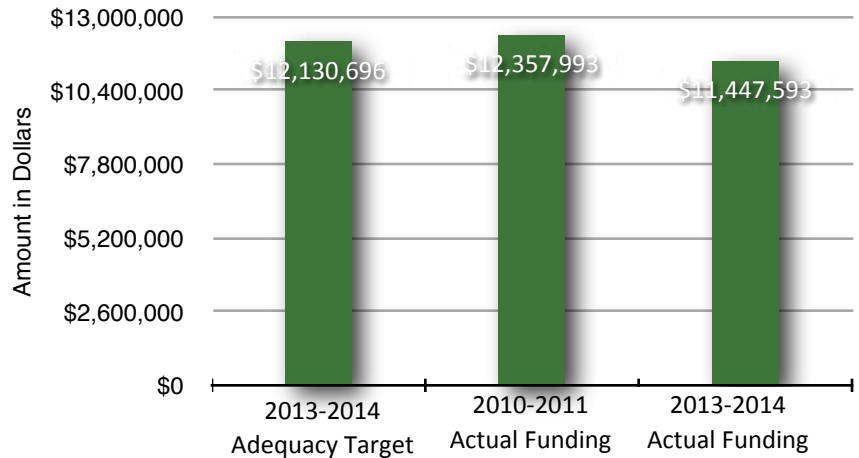
In 2011, Governor Corbett cut \$1 billion from state education funding and dismantled the funding formula, making Pennsylvania one of only 3 states that do not use a formula.

Now, school districts are receiving less state funding.

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

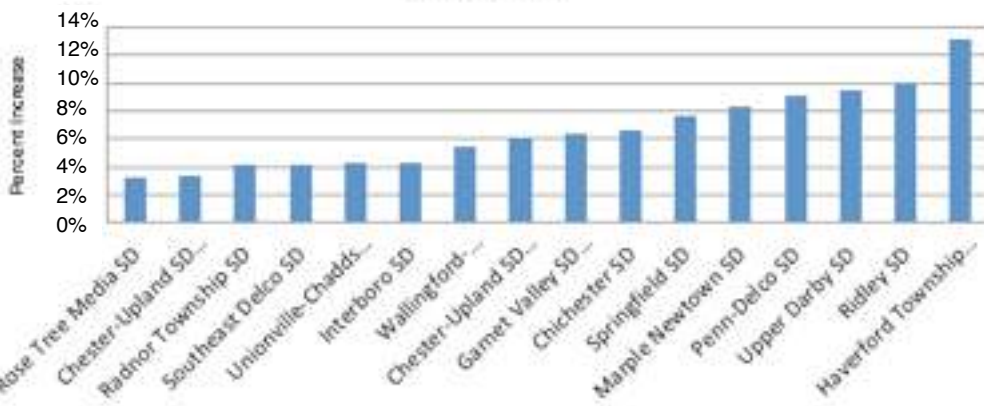
- ◆ More than **\$600 thousand** away from 2013-14 adequacy targets
- ◆ More than **\$900 thousand** away from restoring funds back to 2010-2011 levels

State Aid in Ridley



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.

Delaware County School Districts Property Tax Increase 2010-2013



Ridley has increased property taxes 10% in the past 3 years, the second highest increase in Delaware County.

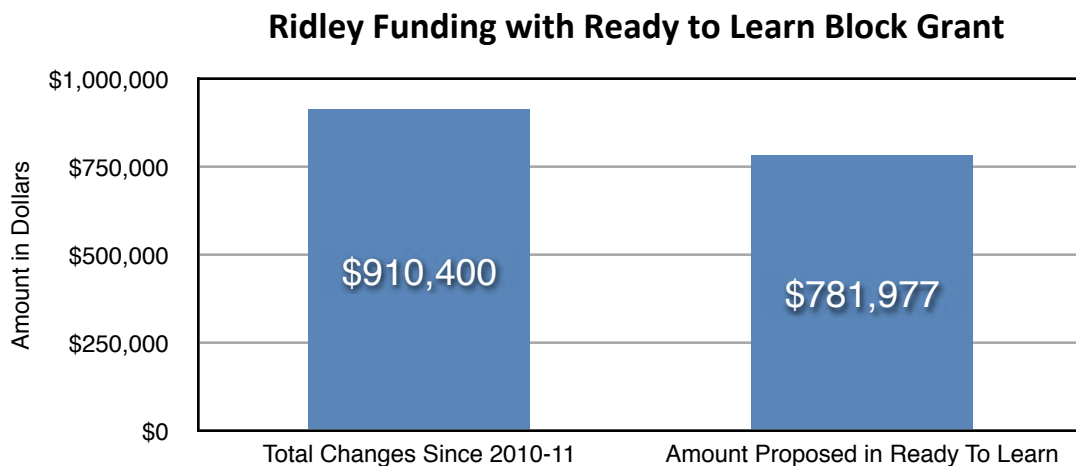
Student Performance Facts

- * Ridley School District's graduation rate is just slightly higher than the state average of 83%.
- * Ridley has close to a 10% achievement gap in reading for economically disadvantaged students, as well as a 20% reading achievement gap for Black students.
- * About 75% of Ridley students performed at or above grade level in reading and math in 2011-2012.

What does the future hold for Ridley 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 Ridley School District is still **over \$100 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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