

# Wallingford-Swarthmore School District

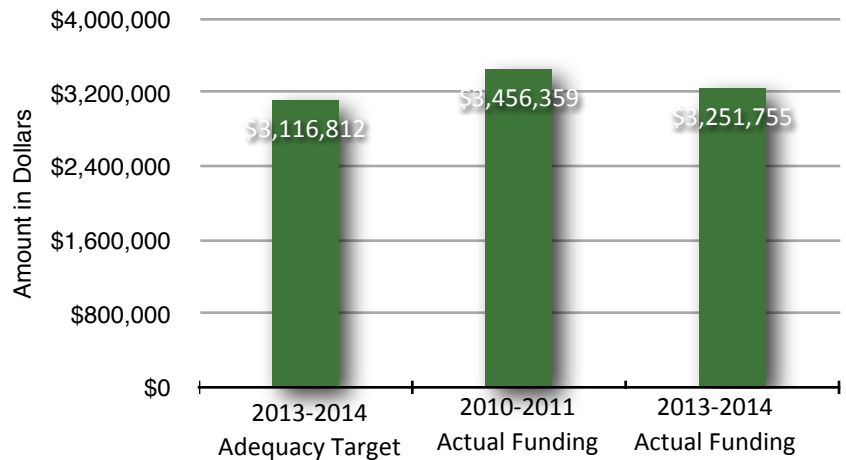
## State Funding and Local Taxes

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.

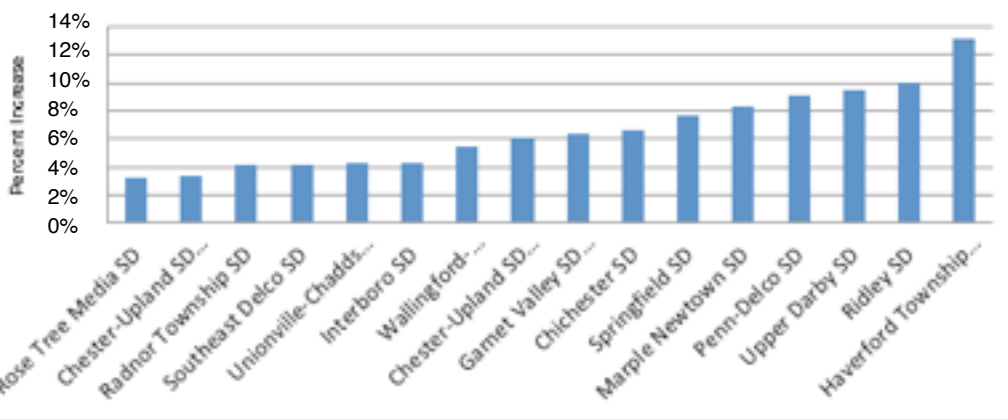
With the amount of state aid received for the 2013-14 academic year, Wallingford-Swarthmore School District is still more than **\$150 thousand** away from restoring funds back to 2010-2011 levels

**State Aid in Wallingford-Swarthmore**



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**



Wallingford-Swarthmore is one of ten school districts in Delaware County that have raised property taxes more than 5%.

## Student Performance Facts

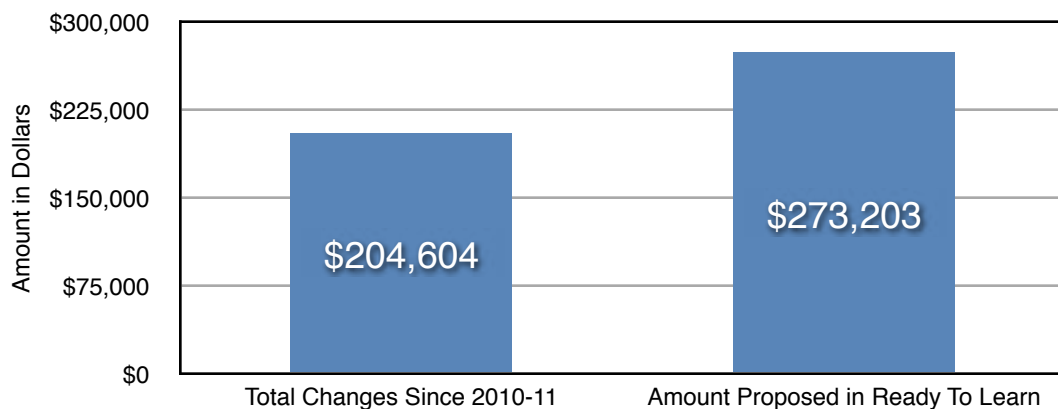
- \* Wallingford-Swarthmore School District is one of 5 school districts in Delaware County that graduates more than 95% of its students.
- \* In Wallingford-Swarthmore, Black and economically disadvantaged students score more than 20% lower in math than the average of all students..
- \* In 2011-2012, 90% of Wallingford-Swarthmore students performed at or above grade level in reading and math.

## What does the future hold for Wallingford-Swarthmore 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.

With the Governor's proposed *Ready to Learn Block Grant* for the 2014-15 academic year, the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District will more than reach 2010-2011 funding levels.

### Wallingford-Swarthmore 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

The Senator for the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District is:



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