

William Penn School District

State Funding and Local Taxes

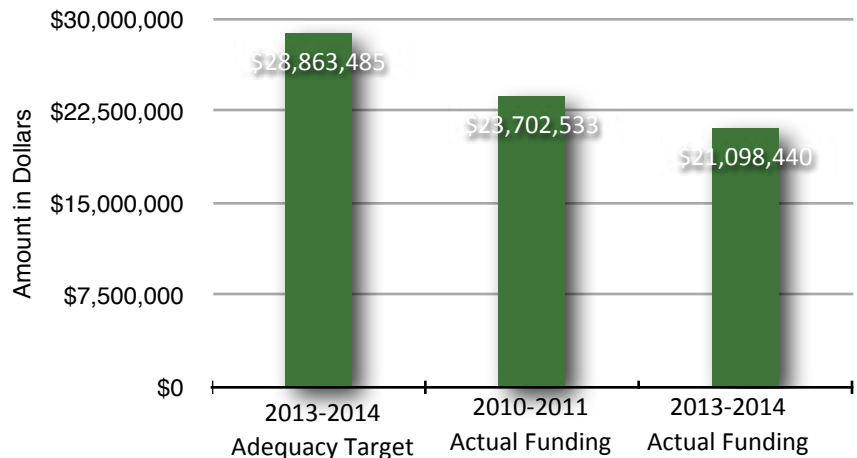
In 2011, Governor Corbett cut \$1 billion from state education funding and dismantled the funding formula, making Pennsylvania one of only 3 states that do not use a formula.

Now, school districts are receiving less state funding.

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

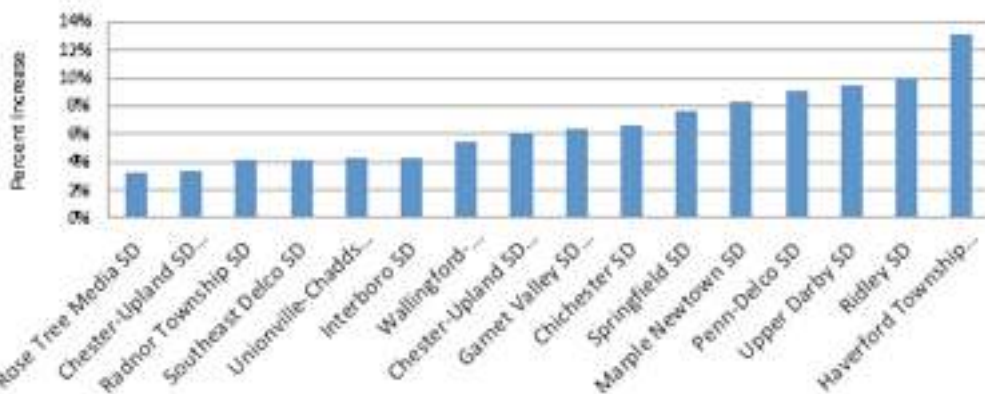
- ◆ More than **\$7 million** away from 2013-14 adequacy targets.
- ◆ More than **\$2 million** away from 2010-2011 funding levels.

State Aid in William Penn



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



William Penn has increased property taxes 2% in the last three years, the second lowest increase in Delaware County.

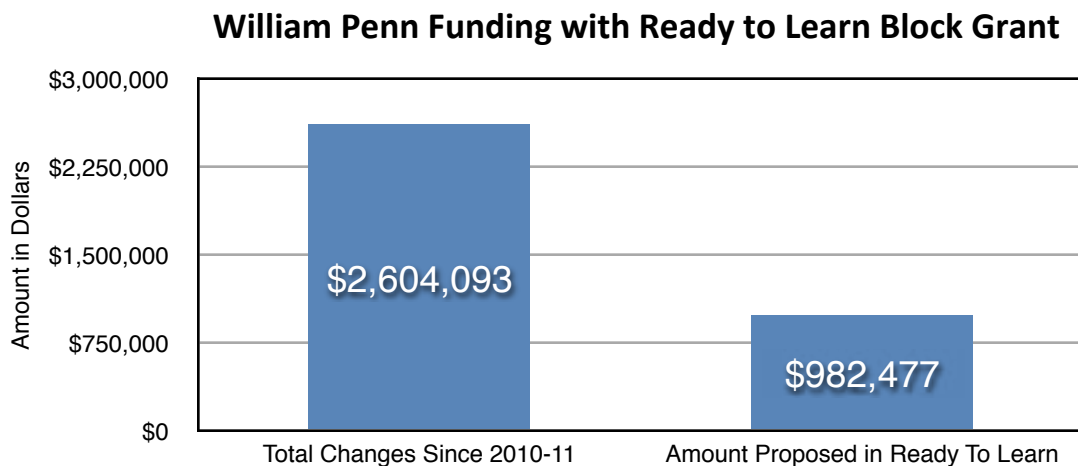
Student Performance Facts

- * William Penn graduates about 75% of students, and is one of 4 school districts in Delaware County with a graduation rate lower than the state average of 83%.
- * Both economically disadvantaged and black student groups score within 5 percentage points of the average student math score in William Penn School District, indicating a minimal achievement gap.
- * Fewer than 55% of William Penn students scored at or above grade level in both reading and math in 2012, the *second lowest rate* in Delaware County.

What does the future hold for William Penn 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 William Penn School District will be more than **\$1.6 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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