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**GOVERNOR WOLF'S 2016-17
PROPOSED EDUCATION BUDGET**
RESTORING FUNDING, EXPANDING OPPORTUNITY





PENNSYLVANIA'S PUBLIC EDUCATION LANDSCAPE

- 500 School Districts
- 29 Intermediate Units
- 173 Charter Schools
- 87 Career and Technical Education Centers
- 14 State Universities
- 14 Community Colleges
- 4 State-Related Universities



PENNSYLVANIA'S PUBLIC EDUCATION LANDSCAPE

- 1.74 M public school students (2014-15)
 - 265,548 receiving special education services
- Per pupil spending ranges from \$9,515 to \$23,536 (2013-14)
- 24,600 children in state-funded pre-kindergarten programs
 - Pre-K Counts: 18,800
 - Head Start Supplemental: 5,800
- 51,715 children receive early intervention services
- Higher education student enrollment
 - PASSHE: 100,521
 - Community Colleges: 89,633
 - State-Related Universities: 165,907



SCHOOLS THAT TEACH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Pennsylvania students continue to make progress**
 - Outperformed the national average in the percentage of students scoring proficient on National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) by at least five percentage points in all four categories
 - Overall high school graduation rate increased to 85.3 percent (2013-14), exceeding the national rate
 - PASSHE schools awarded 21,421 degrees (2013-14)
 - 27,371 industry certificates earned by PA students (2014-15)
 - Implementation of comprehensive recovery plan for York City School District will serve as model for Pennsylvania's low-performing school districts



BUILDING ON OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Basic Education Funding Commission Formula**
- **Keystone Graduation Requirement Delay**
 - Cost savings for school districts
 - Provides time for PDE to explore and report alternatives for students to demonstrate proficiency toward graduation
- **School Performance Profile (SPP)**
 - Facilitated 25 diverse stakeholder meetings
 - Aiming to develop and propose a more holistic tool
- **Keeping Students Safe and Healthy**
 - Partnership to provide naloxone to all public high schools that choose to stock it
 - It's On Us PA campaign to educate and reduce sexual assaults on campuses and in schools
 - Collaborating with Dept. of Health to update immunization regulations



SUSTAINABLE SUCCESS NEEDS INVESTMENT

- Without fair, equitable, and sufficient funding:
 - Schools face uncertainty
 - School districts continue to rely on property tax increases
 - Investments cited in school districts' funding impact plans are in jeopardy
 - Negative impacts of budget reductions in prior years could be prolonged
 - Higher education institutions must rely on other funding sources like increased tuition





SUSTAINABLE SUCCESS NEEDS INVESTMENT 2015-16 BIPARTISAN BUDGET AGREEMENT

- A bipartisan, bicameral budget agreement in December promised to restore funding for schools
- \$487 M increase for education
 - Basic Education: \$377 M
 - Special Education: \$50 M
 - Pre-K Counts/Head Start: \$60 M





CROSSROADS: INVESTING IN EDUCATION

- A fair, equitable, and sufficient investment in education is an investment in Pennsylvania's future
- A fair, equitable, and sufficient investment in education promotes innovation in Pennsylvania's classrooms
- A fair, equitable, and sufficient investment in education allows Pennsylvania to provide every student with access to educational opportunity regardless of zip code



CROSSROADS: INVESTING IN EDUCATION

Which path does Pennsylvania choose?

- **Path 1:** Build upon the bipartisan compromise allowing for restoration of cuts and critical new investment
- **Path 2:** Refuse to invest in our future requiring cuts to education of roughly \$1 billion



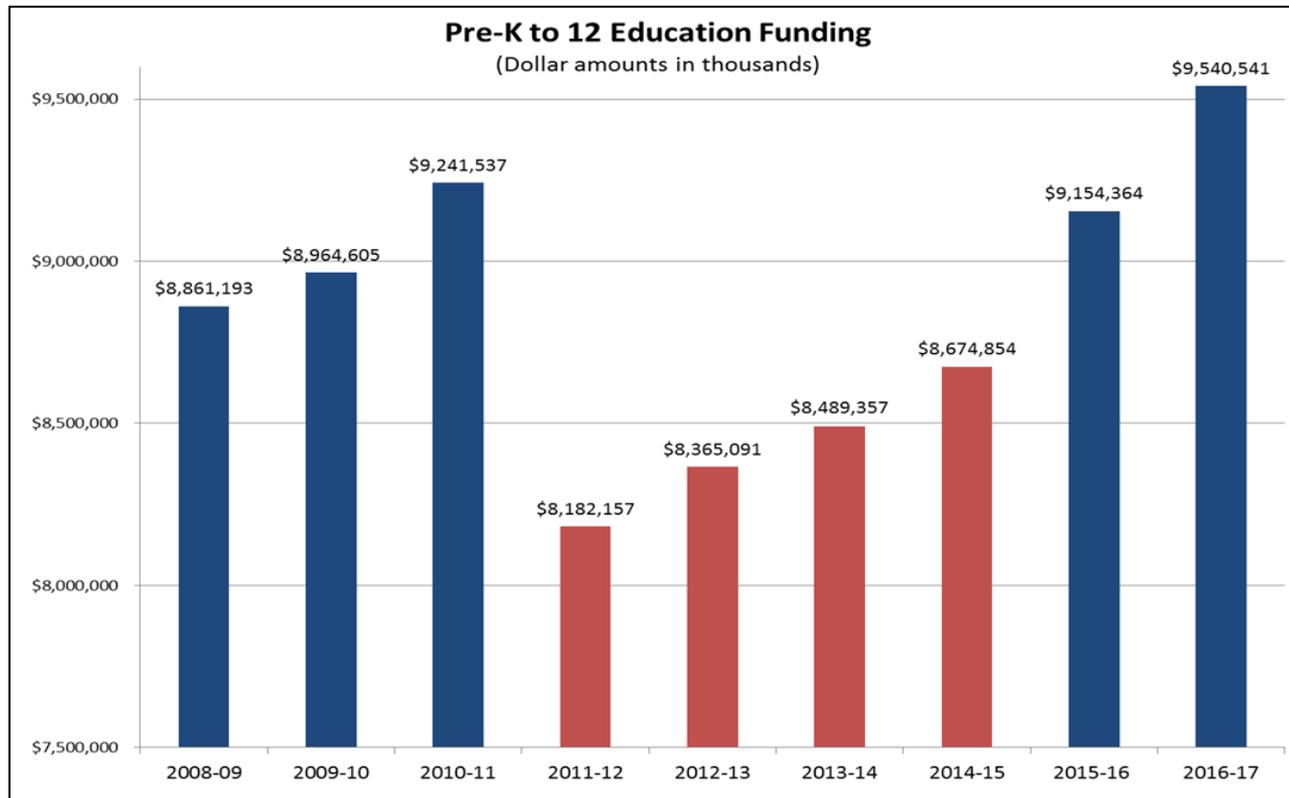


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2016-17 SCHOOLS THAT TEACH PRE-K-12 EDUCATION PROPOSAL

- Basic Education: \$200 M (Fair Funding Formula)
- Special Education: \$50 M
- Pre-K/Head Start: \$60 M



2016-17 SCHOOLS THAT TEACH

Modernize Career and Technical Education in Pennsylvania

- Increase for innovative programs: \$15 M
 - Prepare students for high-priority occupations that pay a living wage and offer a career ladder for growth opportunities
- Career counselors: \$8 M
 - Develop pathways to higher education and high-skill careers
- Career and Technical Education Equipment Grants: \$5 M
 - Support in updating equipment used in training students



2016-17 BUDGET: SCHOOLS THAT TEACH

Education Accountability Initiatives

- In 2015, 96 percent of PA school districts submitted a funding impact plan that identified how restored education funds would be directed to classrooms
- 2016-17 Accountability Initiatives:
 - Office of School Improvement
 - School Performance Profiles
- Applying the same accountability standards to charter schools that currently apply to traditional public schools
- Implement 2014 Special Education Funding Commission charter reforms to achieve \$180 M in savings after three year phase-in
- Cyber charter school funding reform to secure \$50 M in savings
- Permanently end pension “double dip”





2016-17 SCHOOLS THAT TEACH

Reinvesting in Pennsylvania's Institutions of Higher Education

- Restore damaging cuts to our colleges and universities
- Combined funding increases (2015-16 and 2016-17)
 - PASSHE: \$42.3 M
 - Community Colleges: \$22.1 M
 - State-Related Universities: \$59.7 M



WHY EDUCATION REQUIRES ADDITIONAL STATE INVESTMENT

- To reduce reliance on property tax increases
 - 83 school districts increased property taxes above the index in 2015
 - Nearly 175 districts have submitted plans to raise taxes above the index this year (as of 2/8/16)
- Otherwise jeopardizes investments cited by school districts in their funding impact plans, including:
 - Expanding pre-kindergarten and full-day kindergarten
 - Transitioning to college and career-ready standards
 - Developing and offering interventions for struggling students
- Would limit access to high quality pre-k programs for thousands of Pennsylvania children



THE TIME IS NOW

Pennsylvania has two options:

- Make the investments included in the Governor's compromise budget and the 2016-17 proposed budget
- Or, we can make devastating cuts to education that will result in increased property taxes, teacher layoffs, cuts to pre-k programs, and higher college tuition rates

We need to make the choice that invests in schools and is the path to a greater future for students, communities, and the state's long-term economic growth





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