

2012-2013 Pennsylvania State Budget

**Policy Forum
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□ 2011-12 Basic Education Budget

- **State Funding for School Districts cut by nearly \$900 million with greatest impact on poorest districts.**
- **Included \$150 million cut to Accountability Block Grants and elimination of \$225 million Reimbursement to Districts for Part of Charter School Costs**
- **No increase for special education or career-technical education**
- **More limits on local tax increases.**
- **Impact: Significant consequences for students.**

□ **LOOKING AHEAD TO 2012-13 BUDGET**

- **Nearly \$900 million cut to school districts in 2011-12 is a recurring loss to districts**
- **“No Tax Increase” Pledge**
- **State revenue shortfall so far this year of about \$250 million (end of May)**
- **School districts facing increase in school employee pension payments of more than \$300 million**

□ Governor Corbett's 2012-13 Basic Education Budget

- **Competing Print-outs - An Increase or a Cut?**
- **Nearly \$900 million cut to school districts in 2011-12 is a recurring loss to districts**
- **Districts lose \$100 million Accountability Block Grant.**
- **No increase for special education.**
- **1.8% increase for career-technical ed.**
- **No increase in basic subsidy.**
- **Student Achievement Education Block Grant**
- **Local Tax collections down during recession.**
- **Districts already using reserves.**
- **Another \$300 million increase in school employee retirement system payments.**

❑ Student Achievement Education Block Grant

- **Combines pupil transportation, charter/non-public transportation, and school employees' social security with basic subsidy.**
- **Not about student achievement.**
- **Does not provide flexibility to school districts.**
- **Ultimately shifts future increased costs/responsibility to school districts.**

□ Governor Corbett's 2012-13 Early Care and Education Budget

- **Pre-K Counts reduced 5% to \$83,620,000.**
- **Head Start Supplemental cut 5% to \$35,414,000.**
- **Early Intervention (PDE) increased by 4.1% to \$206,173,000.**
- **Elimination of Accountability Grants to districts means cuts to early ed programs.**
- **Child Care Subsidy cut 7.4% to \$302,094,000.**

□ Governor Corbett's 2012-13 Higher Education Budget

- **Community Colleges cut 3.8%.**
- **State-Related Universities cut 30%.**
- **SSHE Universities cut 20%.**
- **IAG's for Privates cut by 30%.**
- **PHEAA Grants cut 5% to \$361,888,000.**
- **PA already has some of the highest tuition rates for public higher ed and among the lowest state funding rates for higher ed**

□ Governor Corbett's 2012-13 Education-Related Budget

- **Adult and Family Literacy cut 5% to \$11,675,000.**
- **State Library cut 5.5% to \$1,946,000.**
- **Public Library Subsidy cut 5% to \$50,832,000.**
- **Library Access cut 5%.**
- **Museum Assistance Grants remain at \$0.**
- **Grants to Arts Organization level funded at \$8,179,000.**

□ Impacts

- **On Equal Opportunities?**
- **On an Educated Citizenry?**
- **On an Educated Workforce?**
 - **On Children?**
- **On the well-being of communities and the Commonwealth?**
 - **PASBO/PASA Survey**

Senate Budget

- **Restored most Higher Education cuts.**
- **Added \$50 million for Distressed Districts.**
- **Restored \$50 million for Accountability Block Grants.**
- **Restored Governor's proposed cuts to Pre-K Counts and Head Start Supplemental.**
- **Cut \$8.7 million for Keystone STARS.**

This week's action in the House of Representatives.

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