

## Why is SASD Making So Many Cuts?

The Shippensburg Area School District depends on funding from the state in order to pay for our school district's expenses. Since Governor Corbett took office, multiple sources of state funding have been eliminated. **These funds were not connected to federal stimulus dollars.** For three years in a row, SASD has had to both raise taxes and make massive cuts to programs and services to make up for this massive loss of state revenue.

SASD faces a deficit of \$746,000 for the '14-'15 school year and will again be forced to cut programs and services and raise taxes.

### Some Cuts in State Funding from SASD

**Charter School Reimbursement was ELIMINATED.** Governor Corbett eliminated the 30% state reimbursement to school districts for charter school payments. This eliminated **\$725,117** in state funding to SASD over three years.

**The Accountability Block Grant, which was used to pay for full-day kindergarten, was SLASHED** from \$554,619 in 2010-2011 to just \$217,903 in 2011-2012. Funding has remained level. Over three years this is a loss of **\$1,010,148**.

**The Commonwealth broke its promise to provide reimbursement payments for construction projects.** Since 2010, local taxpayers have paid \$130,825 in construction costs that had been promised to SASD through PlanCon.

### State funding cuts supported by Governor Corbett and our state legislators since 2011-2012

Charter School Reimbursement	Accountability Block Grant	Moratorium on PlanCon since 2010	State funds eliminated or reduced since Corbett took office
- \$725,117	-\$1,010,148	-\$139,131	-\$1,874,396

SASD has seen modest increases in Basic Education Funding since 2010-2011. However, most of the increases were the state's mandated share of pension payments and were **not** directed to classrooms.

This year Governor Corbett has proposed providing SASD with an additional \$481,245 in state funding in the form of a **one-time** Ready to Learn grant.

Unfortunately, because Corbett's grant is guaranteed for one year only, the entire \$481,245 increase in state dollars **must** be spent on one-time expenses. These funds **cannot** be used in a way that will help preserve vital programs in our schools or reduce the property tax load on local home and property owners.

**Urge your state legislators to put Ready to Learn grant money into the Basic Education line item. Urge your state legislators and make these funds permanent so that so SASD can use these funds to preserve essential programs and services that offer our children the artistic and educational opportunities they will need to meet state standards and be successful, productive, engaged citizens after they graduate.**

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