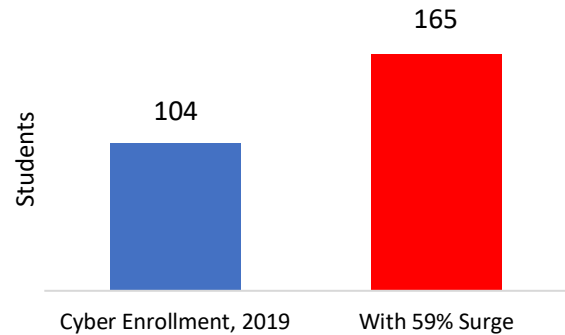


## Central Bucks School District

### Cyber charter costs up an estimated \$808,000 in Central Bucks School District intensifying pressure on property taxes

**Cyber charter costs are growing rapidly.**

Before the pandemic, 104 students living in the Central Bucks School District were enrolled in cyber charters. Last year cyber enrollment surged by 59% statewide, which translates to a projected 165 District students in cyber charter schools.



Because of sharply higher cyber enrollment,

**cyber tuition costs in Central Bucks jumped by an estimated \$808,000 since 2020, a shocking 46% increase** paid for by taxpayers in the district.

Rising cyber enrollment inevitably intensifies pressure on local property taxes.

**The \$808,000 hike in cyber tuition payments is the equivalent of a 0.4% increase in property taxes in the Central Bucks School District.**

**The current system of setting charter school tuition rates is broken.** Central Bucks currently pays cybers \$29,885 for every special education student and \$14,428 for other students. That is significantly more than the actual costs of providing an online education and is a boon to cyber charter operators.

**HB 272 and SB 27 will save local taxpayers \$787,611 by bringing charter school tuition more in line with actual costs.** The bill standardizes cyber charter tuition at \$9,500 and requires charter schools to use the same criteria as every other public school to calculate special education tuition.

HB272/SB 27 Reforms	Savings
Standardize cyber tuition at \$9,500	\$779,819
Special Education Tuition Reform	\$7,793
<b>Total Savings</b>	<b>\$787,611</b>

*Sources: Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials (for cyber tuition expense increases and property tax estimates) and PDE (for enrollment, tuition rates, and savings estimates)*