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Top 5 things you need to know about Gov. Wolf's budget

PCCY examines the Governor's budget address for FY 2016/17

PHILADELPHIA (February 9, 2016) – Here are our top 5 takeaways from today's budget address in Harrisburg.

1. Governor Wolf proposes to restore nearly all the funds cut to Public Education since 2011:

In FY 2011, Governor Corbett cut nearly \$1 billion in state aid to school districts. Some funds were restored since then, but without a full year budget in place, school districts could receive \$630 million less this year than they did in 2011. Governor Wolf's plan calls for the legislature to enact the bi-partisan budget agreement for this year, which would add \$377 million in new state funds for schools and increase that funding by \$200 million next year.

2. \$120 million in new funding for Pre-K for low- and middle-income children:

When 14,000 more children get high quality Pre-K, Pennsylvania saves \$2 billion over a lifetime.

3. 10,350 more students in class each day:

Studies show CHIP is also an attendance program: A 1% increase in CHIP enrollment sees a 0.17% increase in school attendance. Governor Wolf proposes increasing the share of kids enrolled in CHIP by approximately 3.5%.

4. Reduced chance of neglect or child abuse by 50% with \$10M for evidence-based home visiting programs for 2000 vulnerable children.

5. Another 1000 graduates with in-demand skills:

Governor Wolf's budget proposes a new \$28 million investment in high school technical education.

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