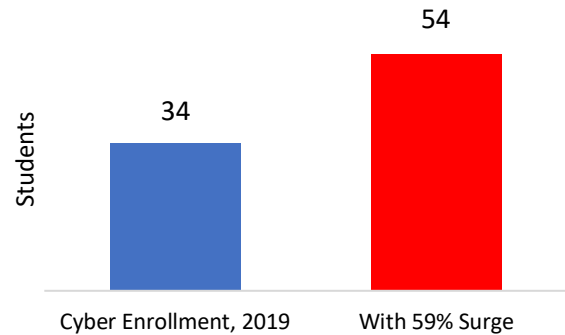


## Council Rock School District

### Cyber charter costs up an estimated \$506,000 in Council Rock School District intensifying pressure on property taxes

**Cyber charter costs are growing rapidly.**

Before the pandemic, 34 students living in the Council Rock School District were enrolled in cyber charters. Last year cyber enrollment surged by 59% statewide, which translates to a projected 54 District students in cyber charter schools.



Because of sharply higher cyber enrollment, **cyber tuition costs in Council Rock jumped by an estimated \$506,000 since 2020, a shocking 54% increase** paid for by taxpayers in the district.

Rising cyber enrollment inevitably intensifies pressure on local property taxes. **The \$506,000 hike in cyber tuition payments is the equivalent of a 0.2% increase in property taxes in the Council Rock School District.**

**The current system of setting charter school tuition rates is broken.** Council Rock currently pays cybers \$44,197 for every special education student and \$15,544 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 \$439,116 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	\$484,037
Special Education Tuition Reform	-\$44,922
<b>Total Savings</b>	<b>\$439,116</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)*