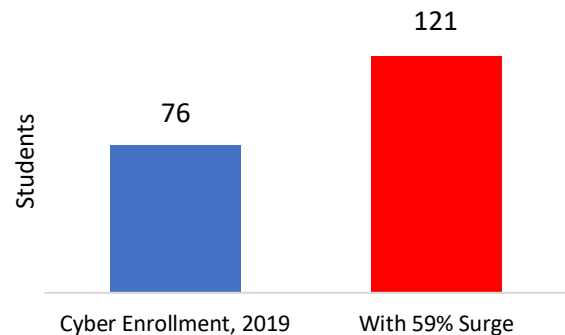


## Great Valley School District

### Cyber charter costs up an estimated \$1,576,000 in Great Valley School District intensifying pressure on property taxes

#### Cyber charter costs are growing rapidly.

Before the pandemic, 76 students living in the Great Valley School District were enrolled in cyber charters. Last year cyber enrollment surged by 59% statewide, which translates to a projected 121 District students in cyber charter schools.



Because of sharply higher cyber enrollment,

**cyber tuition costs in Great Valley jumped by an estimated \$1,576,000 since 2020, a shocking 161% increase** paid for by taxpayers in the district.

Rising cyber enrollment inevitably intensifies pressure on local property taxes.

**The \$1,576,000 hike in cyber tuition payments is the equivalent of a 2.0% increase in property taxes in the Great Valley School District.**

**The current system of setting charter school tuition rates is broken.** Great Valley currently pays cybers \$39,871 for every special education student and \$15,809 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 \$548,518 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 | \$505,182        |
| Special Education Tuition Reform     | \$43,335         |
| <b>Total Savings</b>                 | <b>\$548,518</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)*