

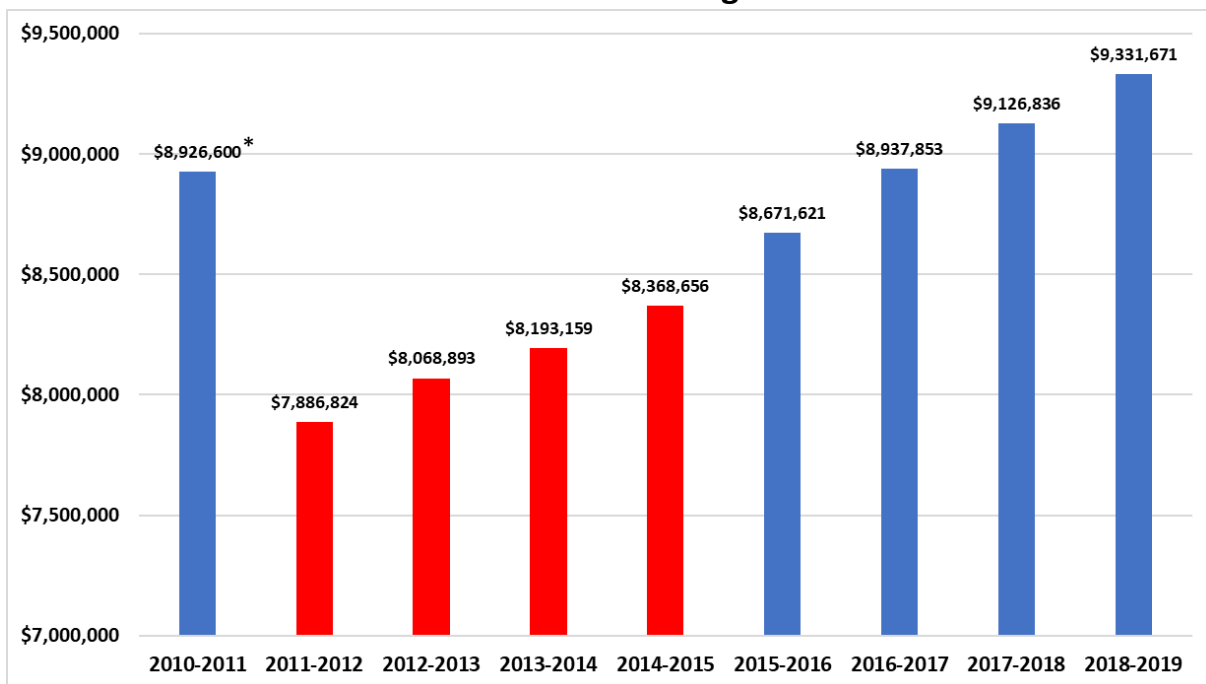
Governor Tom Wolf released the details of his 2018-2019 proposed budget on Tuesday. The Governor’s Executive Budget proposes to spend \$32.987 billion in general funds in Fiscal Year 2018-2019, and increase of \$990 million over the amounts available for FY 2017-2018. The Governor remains committed to his platform of providing for schools that teach, jobs that pay, and government that works.

The Governor’s 2018-2019 budget proposes approximately \$9.332 billion in state funds to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for PreK-12 education funding, an increase of \$205 million from the 2017-2018 available amounts. This includes an increase of \$100 million to the basic education subsidy, an increase of 1.7% over last fiscal year, to a total of \$6.100 billion.

This budget also provides for \$225 million in new education investments, focused on 21st Century skills. Among those initiatives is the launch of PAsmart an initiative designed to align workforce development efforts across commonwealth agencies. The Pennsylvania Department of Education’s budget includes \$40 million to support STEM and computer science related education as part of PAsmart.

Other new education investments for 2018-19 include an additional \$20 million in special education funding, \$10 million for career and technical education, and \$15 million for the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education

Historical Funding for the Pennsylvania Department of Education Pre K-12 funding



Source: Pennsylvania 2018-2019 Governor’s Executive Budget

* Includes non-recurring funding available through The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)



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