

My name is Dr. Tammy Stern, and I have been serving as Interim Superintendent for Connellsville Area School District since this past May while performing my duties as Curriculum Supervisor and Director of Federal Programs.

As a result of Governor Tom Corbett's budget as approved by the state lawmakers, Connellsville Area is now receiving \$4,323,929.00 less than last year's allocation. That's an approximate 6.5% decrease, which has affected our ability to offer many invaluable programs for our students, including after school tutoring.

Connellsville Area School District has an aid ratio index of 72%, which is one of the higher ones in the state. We also have over 5,300 students, one of the larger districts in the state, and we are highly dependent on state and federal funding.

This continuous annual uncertainty of what the state is going to do makes it extremely difficult for districts (like our's) to appropriately deal with multi-year contracts for various employee groups and maintain multiple facilities.

I'm not here just to voice concern for loss of revenue but to offer some suggestions which may help school districts cope with the responsibility of educating our children.

- 1. Could the state consider a multi-year state budget?**
- 2. If the state finds it necessary to reduce revenue to district, there should also be a reduction in state mandates to reduce the cost to district at least equal to the loss in revenue. One example would be to cut out the mandate that students may choose a cyber school outside their district. Connellsville Area spent over \$1.6 million for student participation in cyber charter schools. There was a cut of \$265,000 in state funding for this item alone for this year. Cyber schooling is a viable option for some students. However, the district should not have to pay local funding to educate our students outside the district. Local tax payer dollars should stay within the district and pay for public education within the taxpaying district.**

These are only a couple ideas, but there are many other mandates that may be able to be cut to save the taxpayers of our district and state money and provide a better education for our students.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Tammy R. Stern, Ed.D.

CONNELLSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SELECTED STATE AND FEDERAL SUBSIDIES ANALYSIS
 2010-11 TO 2011-12

FUNCTION	REVENUE	2010-11	June 28, 2011	INCREASE	July-11	2011-12
		FINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	(DECREASE)	INCREASE	ADJUSTED
				FROM PRIOR YR	(DECREASE)	INCREASE
					STATE BUDGET	FROM 2010-11
7110	BASIC EDUCATION	28,013,000	27,969,400	(43,600)	785,947	742,347
7140	CHARTER SCHOOLS	265,000	-	(265,000)	-	(265,000)
7271	SPECIAL EDUCATION	4,465,100	4,495,500	30,400	(40)	30,360
7291	EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	426,400	-	(426,400)	-	(426,400)
7501	ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT	1,249,300	-	(1,249,300)	460,264	(789,036)
	TOTAL SELECTED STATE SUBSIDIES	34,418,800	32,464,900	(1,953,900)	1,246,171	(707,729)
8701	ARRA - IDEA PART B	106,500	-	(106,500)	-	(106,500)
8708	ARRA - STATE FISCAL STABILIZATION FUND	3,509,700	-	(3,509,700)	-	(3,509,700)
	TOTAL SELECTED FEDERAL SUBSIDIES	3,616,200	-	(3,616,200)	-	(3,616,200)
	TOTAL SELECTED STATE AND FEDERAL SUBSIDIES	38,035,000	32,464,900	(5,570,100)	1,246,171	(4,323,929)

Budget Summary Report

		Revenue				
ALL		09-10 ACTUAL REV UNAUDITED	10-11 FINAL REVENUE 6/30/10	10-11 YTD REVENUES	11-12 FINAL REVENUE 6/28/11	11-12 INC FROM 10-11 FINAL REV
10	Fund 10					
	6000 Revenue From Local Sources					
	6111 Current Real Estate Taxes	11,610,604	11,239,122	11,184,449	11,239,122	0
	6113 Public Utility Realty Tax	22,796	25,000	21,642	25,000	0
	6114 In Lieu Of Taxes - State / Local	37,411	35,000	38,806	35,000	0
	6151 Current Act 511 Earned Income Taxes	2,393,127	2,250,000	1,790,848	2,250,000	0
	6153 Current Act 511 Deed Transfer Taxes	197,043	200,000	136,190	200,000	0
	6211 Disc On Current Real Estate Taxes	-172,981	0	0	0	0
	6311 Penalties On Real Estate Taxes	47,096	0	0	0	0
	6411 Delinquent Real Estate Taxes	1,033,678	1,300,000	1,305,741	1,300,000	0
	6510 Interest On Investments & Checking	19,497	24,479	5,026	24,560	81
	6710 Admissions	116,568	135,000	132,012	135,000	0
	6831 Fed Rev From Other Pa Pub Schools	933,010	150,000	612,212	150,000	0
	6832 FEDERAL IDEA REVENUE RECEIVED AS	0	750,000	0	750,000	0
	6910 Rentals	23,891	20,000	30,717	20,000	0
	6920 Cont & Donations From Priv Sources	137,865	20,000	5,578	20,000	0
	6941 Regular Day School Tuition	221,687	150,000	0	150,000	0
	6942 Summer School Tuition	10,477	20,000	18,562	20,000	0
	6990 Miscellaneous Revenue	44,934	75,000	508,774	75,000	0
	6991 Refunds	1,587	0	1,495	0	0
	6000 ** Function (R) Sub Total	16,678,290	16,393,601	15,792,052	16,393,682	81
	7000 Revenue From State Sources					
	7110 Equalized Subsidy For Basic Educ.	26,344,992	28,013,000	19,050,316	27,969,400	-43,600
	7140 Charter Schools	311,716	265,000	154,613	0	-265,000
	7142 Non-public Transfers	0	0	38,467	0	0
	7160 Tuition For Orphans & Foster Child.	38,533	75,000	0	75,000	0
	7210 Homebound Instruction	0	10,000	0	10,000	0
	7271 Spec Ed Funds - School Age Children	4,526,691	4,465,100	3,371,595	4,495,500	30,400
	7290 Other Program Subsidies	0	0	-37,467	0	0
	7291 <i>EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM</i>	327,291	426,400	466,263	0	-426,400
	7310 Transportation (regular & Added)	3,952,992	3,900,000	3,114,686	3,900,000	0
	7320 Rental And Sinking Fund Payments	659,489	1,100,000	658,138	1,100,000	0
	7330 Health Services	105,956	115,000	104,356	115,000	0
	7340 Unassigned <i>GAMING REVENUE</i>	1,462,523	1,462,599	1,462,599	1,462,518	-81
	7500 Extra Grants	36,868	0	0	0	0
	7501 <i>Accountability Block Grant</i>	1,249,271	1,249,300	1,171,491	0	-1,249,300
	7502	9,392	0	28,526	0	0

Final Budget 6/28/11

CASD REVENUE

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Connellsville Area School District
Budget Summary Report

Fund Budget

	09-10 ACTUAL REV UNAUDITED	10-11 FINAL REVENUE 6/30/10	10-11 YTD REVENUES	11-12 FINAL REVENUE 6/28/11	11-12 INC FROM 10-11 FINAL REV
10 Fund 10					
7000 Revenue From State Sources					
7810 State Share Of Social Security	1,153,315	1,134,800	1,126,739	1,160,700	25,900
7820 State Share Of Retirement	612,389	1,213,900	533,593	1,306,800	92,900
7000 ** Function (R) Sub Total	40,791,418	43,430,099	31,243,915	41,594,918	-1,835,181
8000 Revenue From Federal Sources					
8390 Other Restr Grants Dir From Fed	59,124	0	62,767	0	0
8514 Esea, Title I	2,043,669	2,400,000	0	2,400,000	0
8515 Idea	487,445	505,300	0	505,300	0
8517 Capital Expenses, Title I	27,863	30,000	0	30,000	0
8518 Federal Funds For Public Charter	0	9,600	0	9,600	0
8701 ARRA - IDEA PART B	0	106,500	0	0	-106,500
8703 ARRA-TITLE I, PART A & B	1,420,471	0	0	0	0
8708 ARRA - STATE FISCAL STABILIZATION	1,772,202	3,509,700	2,942,886	0	-3,509,700
8810 Medical Assistance (access)	3,491	300,000	1,021,908	300,000	0
8000 ** Function (R) Sub Total	5,814,265	6,861,100	4,027,561	3,244,900	-3,616,200
9000 Other Financing Sources					
9400 Comp For Loss Of Fixed Assets	6,838	0	0	0	0
9000 Sub Total	6,838	0	0	0	0
10 Sub Total	63,290,811	66,684,800	51,063,528	61,233,500	-5,451,300
Report Totals	63,290,811	66,684,800	51,063,528	61,233,500	-5,451,300

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RET 25,900
92,900
CAPPING (81)
(5,570,100)*

*1,246,171
4,333,929*

*July Add'l
Funds*

2011-2012 VARIOUS STATE SUBSIDY COMPARISONS

DIFFERENCE FROM CASD BUDGET					
<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>TYPE OF SUBSIDY</u>	2011-2012 FINAL BUDGETED AMOUNT	July '2011 Revised PDE AMOUNT	DOLLAR AMOUNT OVER/(UNDER) BUDGET	PERCENTAGE AMOUNT GAINED/(LOSS) FROM BUDGET
7110	BASIC EDUCATION	\$ 27,969,400	\$ 28,755,347	\$ 785,947	2.810%
7501	ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK	-	460,264	460,264	#DIV/0!
7271	SPECIAL EDUCATION	<u>4,495,500</u>	<u>4,495,460</u>	<u>(40)</u>	-0.001%
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 32,464,900</u>	<u>\$ 33,711,071</u>	<u>\$ 1,246,171</u>	3.839%