



TRUE COST OF “FREE” CYBER SCHOOL





Each year
**ADAMS COUNTY
TAXPAYERS**
spend over
\$4,000,000

on non-district
CYBER SCHOOLS





HOW ARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FUNDED?

FEDERAL

Approx. 4-5%

STATE

Approx. 37%

LOCAL

Approx. **58-59%**

- Property tax
- Earned Income tax
- Per Capita tax
- Local Services tax

State Funding

Several “buckets” of money

- Basic Education Fund (BEF)
- Special Education
- Retirement Fund
- Transportation Fund
- Etc.

Money from one bucket cannot be used for another bucket's needs





How is BEF Distributed?

Average Daily Membership (ADM)

- Critical to funding
- Only counts students in brick and mortar district school buildings
- Determined by PA Dept of Education
- Increases when a student transfers into district brick and mortar
- Decreases when student physically leaves or transfers to cyber/charter school



HOW ARE
Cyber Schools
FUNDED?

Non-District Cyber School Funding

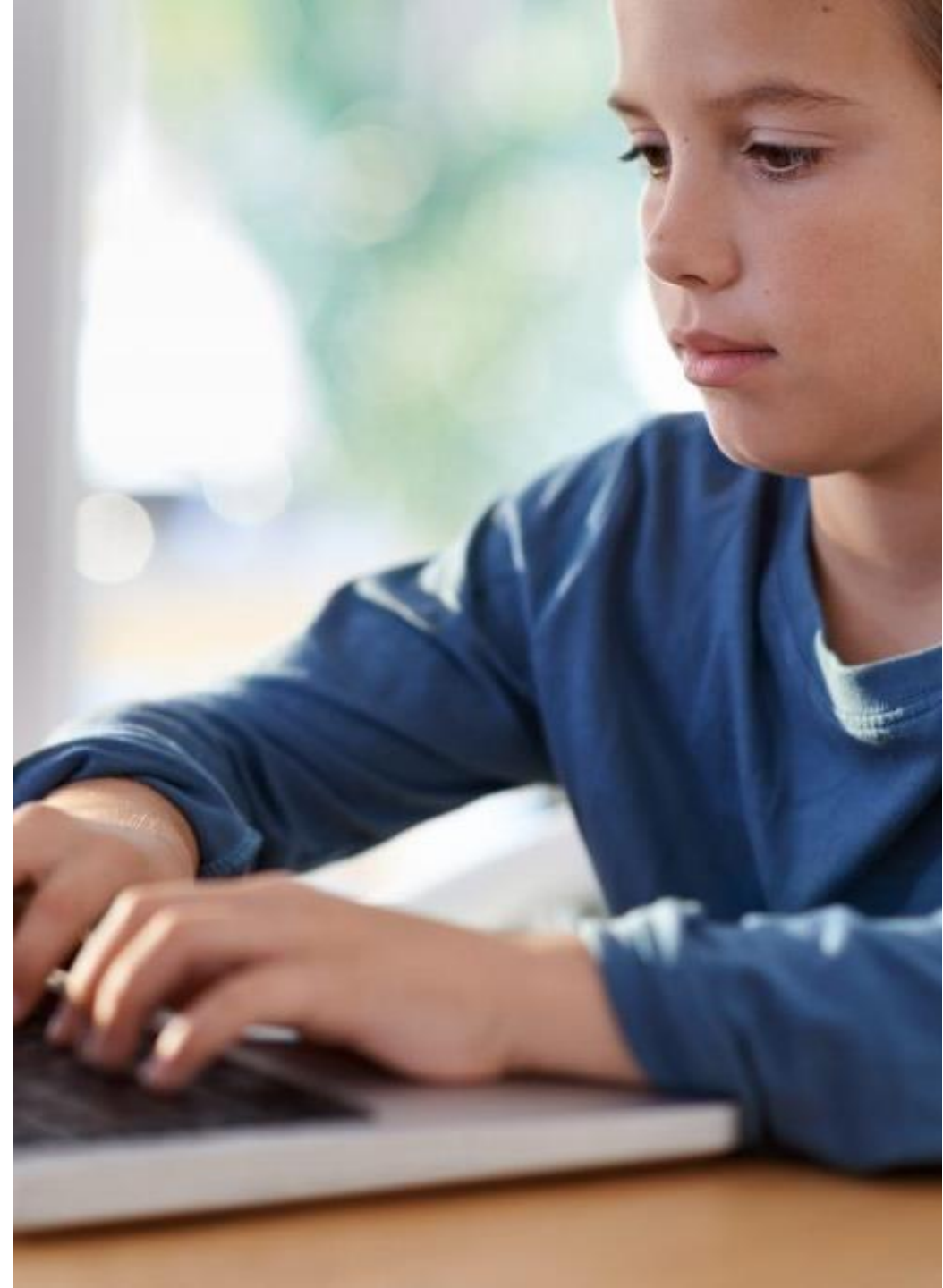
When one student transfers to a non-district operated cyber school, the school ***loses one ADM count.***

In 2018-19 approximate amount:

- ***\$12,000*** –non-special education
- ***\$26,000*** –special education

Cyber school then bills the district for tuition —the exact amount lost when the districts ADM dropped by one.

This bill is payed with local funds only!





District-run Cyber School Funding

When one student transfers to a district-run cyber school, the school ***loses one ADM count.***

District must fund its own cyber school, typically ***\$1,500-2,500 per student.***

The district loses multiple thousands of dollars of funding per student per year and ***gains a bill of \$2,000.***

This bill is also payed with local funds only!

A stylized illustration of a laptop computer. The laptop is open, and its screen displays the text "Cyber Schools ARE NOT FREE!". The words "Cyber Schools" are in a yellow, sans-serif font, and "ARE NOT FREE!" is in a white, sans-serif font. The laptop has a grey bezel and a white base. The background is a solid blue color.

Cyber Schools
ARE NOT FREE!

A laptop is shown from a top-down perspective, centered on a dark blue background. The laptop's screen is the focal point, displaying a message in white and yellow text. The text reads: "Your local tax dollars **ALONE** fund them!". The word "ALONE" is written in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font, while the rest of the text is in a white, sans-serif font. The laptop has a thin silver bezel and a small black dot at the top center of the screen, representing a camera or sensor.

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HB526 / SB34



- If a student attends a non-district run cyber school, and
- The school district's cyber school is equal in scope and content to that publicly chartered cyber school
- Then, the school district shall not be required to provide funding to pay the student's tuition at the cyber school.

This will save our school districts hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.

Call your State Senator and State Representative today and voice your support for HB526 & SB34!



CONEWAGO VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

COST OF DISTRICT-RUN CYBER SCHOOL VERSUS NON-DISTRICT CYBER

AVERAGE COST OF **NON-DISTRICT** CYBER TUITION PER STUDENT

	<u>Reg Ed</u>	<u>Spec Ed</u>
2014 - 2015	\$8,095	\$16,510
2015 - 2016	\$8,613	\$18,940
2016 - 2017	\$9,270	\$21,195
2017 - 2018	\$9,991	\$21,239
2018 - 2019	\$10,286	\$23,883

TOTAL COST OF **NON-DISTRICT CYBER TUITION** PAID IN LAST 5 YEARS

2014 - 2015	\$837,486
2015 - 2016	\$835,471
2016 - 2017	\$866,036
2017 - 2018	\$1,130,087
2018 - 2019	\$1,307,497
5-YEAR TOTAL	\$4,976,577



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