



## **SCHOOLS NEED STABLE FUNDING. PROPERTY TAX ELIMINATION DOESN'T PROVIDE IT.**

Property tax provides a stable base for school districts, ensuring that the resources to provide students with a quality education are available even in an economic downturn. Property tax elimination throws that consistency out the window.

Personal income tax and sales and use tax are both extremely susceptible to economic changes and the massive shift to these sources for funding schools spells trouble.

For example, from 2007-08 to 2009-10, statewide personal income tax revenue fell by 9% or \$1 billion. At the same time, sales tax revenue fell by 6% or \$500 million. During this time, school district property tax revenue remained steady.

**PIT Revenue**



from 07-08 to 09-10

**SUT Revenue**



from 07-08 to 09-10

If property tax elimination had been in effect then, the state would have been short in providing schools with even level-funding from the previous year for two consecutive years.

It is of critical importance that school districts have predictability and consistency in their revenues. School districts have to educate the same number of students, comply with the same number of laws and regulations and face the same rising costs whether the economy is thriving or tanking.

**With Harrisburg on the hook for all education funding under property tax elimination, how will you fund schools in the next recession?**