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**What does this mean for the Freedom Area School District?**

- **41%** Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Freedom Area.
- **7** The number of times Freedom Area has raised property taxes in the last 8 years.
- **444** Freedom Area rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being highest).
- **$164,664** The increase in state funding for Freedom Area if it were fully funded by the state.
- **$14,614** Current spending per student in Freedom Area.
- **312** Freedom Area rank in current spending out of 500 school districts (#1 being highest).

**Contact these elected officials** to let them know you support more funding for your schools and sensible property tax relief:

- **Sen. Elder Vogel (R)**

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Here is what has changed for the district since 2011 when the state dramatically reduced education funding.

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Increase in instructional costs for the district

- $68,112 (-1%)

Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

- $2,590,165 (20%)

Number of students

1,441

Performance - Students on Grade Level

Reading: 3rd 65%
Math: 7th 43%

Child Poverty Rate

School District 14%
Statewide 18%

To view sources of this information please visit www.paschoolswork.org/data