Pennsylvania is not paying its fair share for public schools. It ranks 44th in the country in state share of education costs. Pennsylvania also has the widest gap in the U.S. between the highest and lowest spending school districts.

What does this mean for the Ferndale Area School District?

- **23%** Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Ferndale Area.
- **8** The number of times Ferndale Area has raised property taxes in the last 8 years.
- **476** Ferndale Area rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being highest).
- **$1M** The increase in state funding for Ferndale Area if it were fully funded by the state.

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

**Senator**

Sen. Wayne Langerholc (R)

**Representatives**

Rep. Jim Rigby (R)
Rep. Frank Burns (D)

How much is spent to educate district students?

- **$15,307** Current spending per student in Ferndale Area.

Ferndale Area rank in current spending out of 500 school districts (#1 being highest).
Here is what has changed for the district since 2011 when the state dramatically reduced education funding.

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<th>Change in Expenditures for Special Education</th>
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<td>+$1,552,295 (24%)</td>
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<td>Increase in instructional costs for the district</td>
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+35%  
+$446,939  

+16%  
+$73,686  

+137%  
+$170,972

Number of students  
741

Performance - Students on Grade Level

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Child Poverty Rate

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