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 West Branch Area School District?

### 31%
- Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to West Branch Area.

### 7
- The number of times West Branch Area has raised property taxes in the last 8 years.

### 407
- West Branch Area rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being highest).

### $2M
- The increase in state funding for West Branch Area if it were fully funded by the state.

## How much is spent to educate district students?

### $16,160
- Current spending per student in West Branch Area.

### 178
- West Branch 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:

### Senators
- Sen. Joseph Scarnati (R)
- Sen. Wayne Langerholc (R)

### Representatives
- Rep. Thomas Sankey (R)
- Rep. Matt Gabler (R)
- Rep. Stephanie Borowicz
Here is what has changed for the district since 2011 when the state dramatically reduced education funding.

**Change in Expenditures for Special Education**

+$895,438 (9%)  
Increase in instructional costs for the district

**Change in Payments to Charter Schools**

+$335,301 (-4%)  
Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

**+18%**  
+$335,548

**+13%**  
+$93,051

**+60%**  
+$131,859

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