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 Benton Area School District?

51% Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Benton Area.

7 The number of times Benton Area has raised property taxes in the last 8 years.

174 Benton Area rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being highest).

$2M The increase in state funding for Benton Area if it were fully funded by the state.

174 Benton Area rank in current spending out of 500 school districts (#1 being highest).

How much is spent to educate district students?

$16,266 Current spending per student in Benton Area.

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

Senator
Sen. John Gordner (R)

Representative
Rep. David Millard (R)
Benton Area
School District Factsheet

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

| Change in Expenditures for Special Education | +$1,684,571 (24%) |
| Change in Payments to Charter Schools | -$74,344 (-34%) |
| Increase in instructional costs for the district | Change in state funding to cover instructional costs |
| +109%  | +$824,371 |
| +8%  | +$33,627 |
| Change in State Revenue Dedicated to Special Education |

Number of students 718

Performance - Students on Grade Level

- Reading: 3rd 75%
- Math: 7th 31%

Child Poverty Rate

- School District 18%
- Statewide 18%

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