Southern Columbia Area
School District Factsheet

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 Southern Columbia Area School District?

- **58%** Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Southern Columbia Area.
- **8** The number of times Southern Columbia Area has raised property taxes in the last 8 years.
- **281** Southern Columbia Area rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being highest).
- **$3M** The increase in state funding for Southern Columbia Area if it were fully funded by the state.

How much is spent to educate district students?

- **$13,797** Current spending per student in Southern Columbia Area.
- **406** Southern Columbia 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:

**Senator**
Sen. John Gordner (R)

**Representatives**
Rep. Kurt Masser (R)
Rep. David Millard (R)
Here is what has changed for the district since 2011 when the state dramatically reduced education funding.

**Change in Expenditures for Special Education**

+14%  
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$371,484

**Change in Payments to Charter Schools**

+85%  
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+$106,370

-1%  
-$44,300

Increase in instructional costs for the district

Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

Number of students: 1,423

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<th>Performance - Students on Grade Level</th>
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| Reading: 3rd  
71% | School District  
12%  |
| Math: 7th  
69% | Statewide  
18% |

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