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 Lower Dauphin School District?

63%  Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Lower Dauphin.

1  The number of times Lower Dauphin has raised property taxes in the last 8 years.

220  Lower Dauphin rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being highest).

$4M  The increase in state funding for Lower Dauphin if it were fully funded by the state.

How much is spent to educate district students?

$15,085  Current spending per student in Lower Dauphin.

258  Lower Dauphin 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. John DiSanto (R)
Sen. Dave Arnold (R);

Representatives
Rep. David Hickernell (R)
Rep. Susan Helm (R)
Rep. Andrew Lewis (R)
Rep. Thomas L. Mehaffie, III (R)
Here is what has changed for the district since 2011 when the state dramatically reduced education funding.

**Change in Expenditures for Special Education**

+$7,147,952 (19%)  
Increase in instructional costs for the district

**Change in Payments to Charter Schools**

+$610,985  
+82%  
+$158,061

**Change in state funding to cover instructional costs**

-$247,846 (-2%)  

**Number of students**

3,869  

**Performance - Students on Grade Level**

- **Reading: 3rd**  
  80%  
- **Math: 7th**  
  44%

**Child Poverty Rate**

- **School District**  
  8%  
- **Statewide**  
  18%

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