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 Old Forge School District?**

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

**How much is spent to educate district students?**

- **$12,931** Current spending per student in Old Forge.
- **461** Old Forge 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 Blake (D)

- **Representative**
  - Rep. Bridget M Kosierowski (D)
Here is what has changed for the district since 2011 when the state dramatically reduced education funding.

**Increase in instructional costs for the district**

+$2,385,679 (29%)

Change in expenditures for Special Education

+68%  
+$1,138,485

Change in State Revenue Dedicated to Special Education

+11%  
+$52,288

Change in Payments to Charter Schools

+193%  
+$161,298

Number of students

1,011

Performance - Students on Grade Level

Reading: 3rd  
56%

Math: 7th  
37%

Child Poverty Rate

School District  
23%

Statewide  
18%

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