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 Columbia Borough School District?

- **47%** Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Columbia Borough.
- **6** The number of times Columbia Borough has raised property taxes in the last 8 years.
- **75** Columbia Borough rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being highest).
- **$6M** The increase in state funding for Columbia Borough if it were fully funded by the state.

How much is spent to educate district students?

- **$15,039** Current spending per student in Columbia Borough.
- **262** Columbia Borough 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. Ryan Aument (R)

**Representative**
- Rep. David Hickernell (R)
Here is what has changed for the district since 2011 when the state dramatically reduced education funding.

**Change in Expenditures for Special Education**

+63%  
+$2,373,640

**Change in Payments to Charter Schools**

+64%  
+$308,215

**Change in Instructional Costs for the District**

+$2,297,153  
(17%)

**Change in State Funding to Cover Instructional Costs**

+$28,143  
(0%)

**Number of Students**

1,495

**Performance - Students on Grade Level**

Reading: 3rd  
52%

Math: 7th  
14%

**Child Poverty Rate**

School District  
29%

Statewide  
18%

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