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 Lehigh School District?**

- **77%** Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Southern Lehigh.
- **4** The number of times Southern Lehigh has raised property taxes in the last 8 years.
- **69** Southern Lehigh rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being highest).
- **$4** The increase in state funding for Southern Lehigh since 2011

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

- **$17,226** Current spending per student in Southern Lehigh.
- **120** Southern Lehigh 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. Patrick Browne (R)

- **Representative**
  - Rep. Justin Simmons (R)
Southern Lehigh
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**: +$9,285,289 (27%)
- **Change in Payments to Charter Schools**: +$66,998 (1%)

- **Increase in instructional costs for the district**: +$9,285,289 (27%)
- **Change in state funding to cover instructional costs**: +$66,998 (1%)

- **Change in Expenditures for Special Education**: +37% +$2,213,549
- **Change in State Revenue Dedicated to Special Education**: +3% +$31,163
- **Change in Payments to Charter Schools**: +35% +$406,960

**Number of students**: 3,312

**Performance - Students on Grade Level**
- Reading: 3rd 79%
- Math: 7th 68%

**Child Poverty Rate**
- School District 5%
- Statewide 18%

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