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 Wyoming Valley West School District?

- **48%** Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Wyoming Valley West.
- **8** The number of times Wyoming Valley West has raised property taxes in the last 8 years.
- **338** Wyoming Valley West rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being highest).
- **$15M** The increase in state funding for Wyoming Valley West if it were fully funded by the state.

Contact these elected officials to let them know you support more funding for your schools and sensible property tax relief:

- **Senators**
  - Sen. John Yudichak (I)
  - Sen. Lisa Baker (R)

- **Representatives**
  - Rep. Gerald Mullery (D)
  - Rep. Aaron Kaufer (R)

How much is spent to educate district students?

- **$14,694** Current spending per student in Wyoming Valley West.
- **297** Wyoming Valley West rank in current spending out of 500 school districts (#1 being highest).
Here is what has changed for the district since 2011 when the state dramatically reduced education funding.

**Change in Expenditures for Special Education**

+ $9,288,416 (21%)

Increase in instructional costs for the district

**Change in Payments to Charter Schools**

+ $236,066 (1%)

Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

**Change in Expenditures for Special Education**

+ 71%

+ $6,487,988

**Change in State Revenue Dedicated to Special Education**

+ 19%

+ $541,931

**Change in Payments to Charter Schools**

+ 75%

+ $916,011

Number of students 5,105

Performance - Students on Grade Level

Reading: 3rd 57%
Math: 7th 25%

Child Poverty Rate

School District 20%
Statewide 18%

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