

Pennsylvania is not paying its fair share for public schools. It ranks 46th 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 Mercer Area School District?

**45%**

Share of education costs covered by local taxpayers in the Mercer Area School District. Property tax burden rank 377.

**-4%**

School property tax changes since 2011 in the Mercer Area School District.

**\$2M**

The increase to Mercer Area School District 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:

#### Senator

Sen. Michele Brooks (R)

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

**\$11,807**

Spending per student in Mercer Area School District

**\$17,482**

Spending per student in highest spending districts

**413**

Mercer Area School District rank in spending out of 500 school districts (#1 being highest)

#### Representatives

Rep. Tedd Nesbit (R)

Rep. Parke Wentling (R)

Here is what has changed for the district since 2011 when the state dramatically reduced education funding.

**-\$249,243**

Change in local funding for the district from property and other local taxes

**-\$307,029**

Change in state/federal funding

**+35%**

Change in Expenditures for Special Education

**-3%**

Change in State Revenue Dedicated to Special Education

**+1%**

Change in Payments to Charter Schools

**Number of students**  
**1,135**

Performance - Students on Grade Level

Reading  
68%

Math  
16%

Child Poverty Rate

School District  
15%

Statewide  
18%

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