What does this mean for the Souderton Area School District?

- **76%** Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Souderton Area.
- **7** The number of times Souderton Area has raised property taxes in the last 8 years.
- **117** Souderton Area rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being highest).
- **$6M** The increase in state funding for Souderton Area if it were fully funded by the state.

How much is spent to educate district students?

- **$16,822** Current spending per student in Souderton Area.
- **139** Souderton Area 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:

**Senators**
- Sen. Steve Santarsiero (D)
- Sen. Maria Collett (D)
- Sen. Bob Mensch (R)

**Representatives**
- Rep. Steven Malagari (D)
- Rep. Liz Hanbidge (D)
- Rep. Todd Polinchock (R)
- Rep. Marcy Toepel (R)
- Rep. Joe Webster (D)

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

**Change in Expenditures for Special Education**

+40%  
+$6,414,153

Increase in instructional costs for the district

**Change in Payments to Charter Schools**

+79%  
+$1,800,423

+10%  
+$290,957

Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

**Number of students**

6,808

**Performance - Students on Grade Level**

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**Child Poverty Rate**

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