

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 Bethlehem Area School District?

71%

Share of education costs covered by local taxpayers in the Bethlehem Area School District. Property tax burden rank 156.

21%

School property tax increases since 2011 in the Bethlehem Area School District.

\$46M

The increase to Bethlehem 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:

Senators

Sen. Lisa Boscola (D)

Sen. Mario Scavello (R)

How much is spent to educate district students?

\$13,785

Spending per student in Bethlehem Area School District

\$17,482

Spending per student in highest spending districts

253

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

Representatives

Rep. Jeanne McNeill (D)

Rep. Steve Samuelson (D)

Rep. Robert Freeman (D)

Rep. Marcia Hahn (R)

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

+\$28,325,44

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

+\$5,592,824

Change in state/federal funding

+45%

Change in Expenditures for Special Education

-1%

Change in State Revenue Dedicated to Special Education

+126%

Change in Payments to Charter Schools

Number of students
15,726

Performance - Students on Grade Level

Reading
56%

Math
20%

Child Poverty Rate

School District
18%

Statewide
18%

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