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 Bethlehem-Center School District?**

- **26%** Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Bethlehem-Center.
- **6** The number of times Bethlehem-Center has raised property taxes in the last 8 years.
- **484** Bethlehem-Center rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being highest).
- **$219,720** The increase in state funding for Bethlehem-Center if it were fully funded by the state.

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

- **$16,647** Current spending per student in Bethlehem-Center.
- **147** Bethlehem-Center 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. Camera Bartolotta (R)

- **Representatives**
  - Rep. Bud Cook (R)
  - Rep. Pam Snyder (D)
Here is what has changed for the district since 2011 when the state dramatically reduced education funding.

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+77% +$1,611,534
Change in Expenditures for Special Education

+9% +$82,151
Change in State Revenue Dedicated to Special Education

+199% +$670,839
Change in Payments to Charter Schools

Number of students 1,235

Performance - Students on Grade Level
Reading: 3rd 66%
Math: 7th 19%

Child Poverty Rate
School District 19%
Statewide 18%

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