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 Fort Cherry School District?

- **43%**: Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Fort Cherry.
- **4**: The number of times Fort Cherry has raised property taxes in the last 8 years.
- **379**: Fort Cherry rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being highest).
- **$710,389**: The increase in state funding for Fort Cherry since 2011.

How much is spent to educate district students?

- **$15,885**: Current spending per student in Fort Cherry.
- **194**: Fort Cherry 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. Pam Lovino (D)
- Sen. Camera Bartolotta (R)

**Representative**
- Rep. Jason Ortitay (R)
Here is what has changed for the district since 2011 when the state dramatically reduced education funding.

**Change in Expenditures for Special Education**
- +$1,316,460 (12%)
- Increase in instructional costs for the district

**Change in Payments to Charter Schools**
- -$122,101 (-2%)
- Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

**Increase in instructional costs for the district**
- +$695,989

**Change in State Revenue Dedicated to Special Education**
- +$58,749

**Change in Payments to Charter Schools**
- +$27,983

**Number of students**
- 1,051

**Performance - Students on Grade Level**
- Reading: 3rd 95%
- Math: 7th 29%

**Child Poverty Rate**
- School District 6%
- Statewide 18%

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