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 Mount Pleasant Area School District?**

- **50%** Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Mount Pleasant Area.
- **5** The number of times Mount Pleasant Area has raised property taxes in the last 8 years.
- **351** Mount Pleasant Area rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being highest).
- **$4M** The increase in state funding for Mount Pleasant Area if it were fully funded by the state.

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

- **$13,874** Current spending per student in Mount Pleasant Area.
- **397** Mount Pleasant 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. Pat Stefano (R)
- Sen. Kim Ward (R)

**Representatives**
- Rep. Justin Walsh (R)
- Rep. Mike Reese (R)
Here is what has changed for the district since 2011 when the state dramatically reduced education funding.

**Change in Expenditures for Special Education**

+14%

+$513,588

**Change in Payments to Charter Schools**

+90%

+$545,572

**Increase in instructional costs for the district**

+$1,002,865 (5%)

**Change in state funding to cover instructional costs**

-$102,003 (-1%)

- $102,003

(1%)

Increase in instructional costs for the district

Number of students

2,169

Performance - Students on Grade Level

- Reading: 3rd 62%

- Math: 7th 39%

Child Poverty Rate

- School District 12%

- Statewide 18%

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