

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 Freedom Area School District?

41%

Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Freedom Area.

7

The number of times Freedom Area has raised property taxes in the last 8 years.

444

Freedom Area rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being highest).

\$164,664

The increase in state funding for Freedom Area if it were fully funded by the state.

How much is spent to educate district students?

\$14,614

Current spending per student in Freedom Area.

312

Freedom 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:

Senator

Sen. Elder Vogel (R)

Representatives

Rep. Jim Marshall (R)

Rep. Robert Matzie (D)

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

+\$2,590,165
(20%)

Increase in instructional costs for the district

-\$68,112
(-1%)

Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

+45%

+\$959,858

Change in Expenditures for Special Education

+8%

+\$78,130

Change in State Revenue Dedicated to Special Education

+190%

+\$619,077

Change in Payments to Charter Schools

Number of students

1,441

Performance - Students on Grade Level

Reading:
3rd

65%

Math:
7th

43%

Child Poverty Rate

School District

14%

Statewide

18%

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