Pennsylvania is not paying its fair share for public schools. It ranks 43rd in the country in state share of education costs.

What does this mean for the Freedom Area School District?

- **43%** Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Freedom Area.
- **Number of times Freedom Area has raised property taxes in the last 11 years.** 9
- **Freedom Area rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest).** 448
- **The increase in state funding for Freedom Area if it were fully funded by the state.** $4.1M

How much is spent to educate district students?

- **$15,805** Current spending per student in Freedom Area.
- **Freedom Area rank in current spending out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest).** 278

Let your elected officials know you support more funding for your schools and sensible property tax relief:

These elected officials currently represent the communities this school district serves.

**Senators**
- Sen. Elder Vogel (R)

**Representatives**
- Rep. Robert Matzie (D)

These elected officials represent the communities this school district serves under legislative maps taking effect in January.

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Number of students: 1,364

Performance:
- Reading: 3rd Grade Level - 59%
- Math: 7th Grade Level - 21%

Child Poverty Rate:
- School District: 19%
- Statewide: 17%

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

- + $2,948,756 (23% increase) in instructional costs for the district
- + $32,611 (0.3% increase) in state funding to cover instructional costs
- + 79% (change in expenditures for special education)
- + $1,678,587
- + 13% (change in state revenue dedicated to special education)
- + $126,961
- + 222% (change in payments to charter schools)
- + $725,455

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