Pennsylvania is not paying its fair share for public schools. It ranks 45th in the country in state share of education costs.

What does this mean for the Bedford Area School District?

- **38%** Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Bedford Area.
- **8** Number of times Bedford Area has raised property taxes in the last 12 years.
- **364** Bedford Area rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest).
- **$6.2M** The increase in state funding for Bedford Area if it were fully funded by the state.

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. Patrick Stefano (R)

**Representatives**
- Rep. Jesse Topper (R)

How much is spent to educate district students?

- **$15,649** Current spending per student in Bedford Area.
- **367** Bedford Area rank in current spending out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest).
Bedford Area
School District Factsheet 2023

Number of students
1,898

Performance:
Students on Grade Level
Reading: 3rd 52%
Math: 7th 24%

Child Poverty Rate
School District 17%
Statewide 17%

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

+ $2,695,780  
  + 15%  
  Increase in instructional costs for the district

+ $46,613  
  + 0%  
  Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

+ 36%  
  + $942,890  
  Change in expenditures for special education

+ 8%  
  +$102,102  
  Change in state revenue dedicated to special education

-18%  
  ($511,575)  
  Change in payments to charter schools

To view sources of this information, please visit www.paschoolswork.org/data