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 Towanda Area School District?

- **47%** Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Towanda Area.
- **10** Number of times Towanda Area has raised property taxes in the last 12 years.
- **69** Towanda Area rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest).
- **$4.9M** The increase in state funding for Towanda 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. Emerson Yaw (R)

**Representatives**
- Rep. Clinton Owlett (R)
- Rep. Tina Pickett (R)

How much is spent to educate district students?

- **$16,969** Current spending per student in Towanda Area.
- **263** Towanda Area rank in current spending out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest).
### Towanda Area School District Factsheet 2023

#### Performance:

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- Reading: 3rd grade, 42%
- Math: 7th grade, 31%

#### Number of Students:
- 1,531

#### Child Poverty Rate:
- **School District**: 20%
- **Statewide**: 17%

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

- **Increase in instructional costs for the district**: + $6,505,694 (55%)
- **Change in state funding to cover instructional costs**: + $745,331 (9%)
- **Change in expenditures for special education**: + 83%, + $1,966,131
- **Change in state revenue dedicated to special education**: + 17%, + $182,688
- **Change in payments to charter schools**: + 368%, + $442,229

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