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 Mars Area School District?

- Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Mars Area: 72%
- Number of times Mars Area has raised property taxes in the last 11 years: 1
- Mars Area rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest): 355
- The increase in state funding for Mars Area if it were fully funded by the state: $5.6 million

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. Scott Hutchinson (R)
- Sen. Joe Pittman (R)

**Representatives**
- Rep. Daryl Metcalfe (R)

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

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

**Representatives**
- Rep. Timothy Bonner (R)
- Rep. Daryl Metcalfe (R)

How much is spent to educate district students?

- Current spending per student in Mars Area: $12,352
- Mars Area rank in current spending out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest): 496
Mars Area
School District Factsheet 2022

Number of students
3,486

Performance: Students on Grade Level
Reading: 3rd
77%
Math: 7th
41%

Child Poverty Rate
School District
1%
Statewide
17%

HERE IS WHAT HAS CHANGED FOR THE DISTRICT SINCE 2011 WHEN THE STATE DRAMATICALLY REDUCED EDUCATION FUNDING:

+ $7,028,534
+ 28%
Increase in instructional costs for the district

+ $114,466
+ 2%
Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

+ 151%
+ $4,396,403
Change in expenditures for special education

+ 5%
+$59,339
Change in state revenue dedicated to special education

+ 66%
+ $448,050
Change in payments to charter schools

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