



INVEST IN STUDENTS, SECURE OUR FUTURE

Portage Area

School District Factsheet

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 Portage Area School District?

21%

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

3

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

494

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

\$210,894

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

How much is spent to educate district students?

\$12,915

Current spending per student in Portage Area.

463

Portage 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. Wayne Langerholc (R)

Representative

Rep. Frank Burns (D)



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

+\$204,536
(3%)

Increase in instructional costs for the district

-\$152,733
(-2%)

Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

+7%
+\$77,631

Change in Expenditures for Special Education

+6%
+\$35,206

Change in State Revenue Dedicated to Special Education

+22%
+\$38,397

Change in Payments to Charter Schools

Number of students
934

Performance - Students on Grade Level

Reading:
3rd

59%

Math:
7th

42%

Child Poverty Rate

School District

19%

Statewide

18%

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