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 Lehighton Area School District?

- Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Lehighton Area: 50%
- Number of times Lehighton Area has raised property taxes in the last 12 years: 5
- Lehighton Area rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest): 195
- The increase in state funding for Lehighton Area if it were fully funded by the state: $7.3M

How much is spent to educate district students?

- Current spending per student in Lehighton Area: $15,577
- Lehighton Area rank in current spending out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest): 375

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. Dave Argall (R)
- Representatives
  - Rep. Doyle Heffley (R)
Lehighton Area
School District Factsheet 2023

Number of students
2,400

Performance: Students on Grade Level
Reading: 3rd 48%
Math: 7th 22%

Child Poverty Rate
School District 28%
Statewide 17%

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

+ $2,799,015
  + 11%
Increase in instructional costs for the district

+ $933,022
  + 9%
Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

+ 36%
+ $2,057,662
Change in expenditures for special education

+ 30%
+ $409,185
Change in state revenue dedicated to special education

+ 300%
+ $2,621,731
Change in payments to charter schools

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