



Lehigh 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 Lehigh Area School District?

55%

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

2

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

176

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

\$7M

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

Contact these elected officials

to let them know you support more funding for your schools and sensible property tax relief:

Senator

Sen. John Yudichak (I)

Representative

Rep. Doyle Heffley (R)

How much is spent to educate district students?

\$15,718

Current spending per student in Lehigh Area.

210

Lehigh Area rank in current spending out of 500 school districts (#1 being highest).



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

+\$5,850,790
(26%)

Increase in instructional costs for the district

-\$75,917
(-1%)

Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

+44%

+\$2,043,846

Change in Expenditures for Special Education

+11%

+\$151,903

Change in State Revenue Dedicated to Special Education

+23%

+\$178,453

Change in Payments to Charter Schools

Number of students

2,459

Performance - Students on Grade Level

Reading: 3rd

59%

Math: 7th

28%

Child Poverty Rate

School District

27%

Statewide

18%

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