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 Bellefonte Area School District?

- **65%** Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Bellefonte Area.
- Number of times Bellefonte Area has raised property taxes in the last 11 years: **10**
- Bellefonte Area rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest): **251**
- The increase in state funding for Bellefonte Area if it were fully funded by the state: **$1.5M**

How much is spent to educate district students?

- **$17,621** Current spending per student in Bellefonte Area.
- Bellefonte Area rank in current spending out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest): **150**

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. Jake Corman (R)
- **Representatives**
  - Rep. Stephanie Borowicz (R)
  - Rep. Kerry Benninghoff (R)

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

- **Senators**
  - Sen. Cris Dush (R)
- **Representatives**
  - Rep. Johnathan Hershey (R)
  - Rep. Kerry Benninghoff (R)
Number of students: 2,835

Performance: Students on Grade Level
- Reading: 3rd Grade 62%
- Math: 7th Grade 29%

Child Poverty Rate
- School District: 4%
- Statewide: 17%

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

- $8,844,635 increase in instructional costs for the district (30%)
- $243,987 increase in state funding to cover instructional costs (2%)
- $3,080,535 increase in expenditures for special education (59%)
- $248,059 increase in state revenue dedicated to special education (16%)
- $1,747,516 increase in payments to charter schools (203%)

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