

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 Downingtown Area School District?

76%

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

2

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

156

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

\$13M

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

How much is spent to educate district students?

\$14,403

Current spending per student in Downingtown Area.

333

Downingtown 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:

Senators

Sen. Andrew Dinniman (D)

Sen. Kate Muth (D)

Representatives

Rep. Tim Hennessey (R)

Rep. Dan Williams (D)

Rep. Danielle Friel Otten (D)

Rep. Christina Sappey (D)

Rep. Kristine Howard (D)

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

+\$25,551,245
(21%)

Increase in instructional costs for the district

+\$76,793
(0%)

Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

+27%

+\$6,537,792

Change in Expenditures for Special Education

+10%

+\$479,680

Change in State Revenue Dedicated to Special Education

+70%

+\$3,470,715

Change in Payments to Charter Schools

Number of students

13,527

Performance - Students on Grade Level

Reading:
3rd

87%

Math:
7th

54%

Child Poverty Rate

School District

2%

Statewide

18%

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