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 West Chester Area School District?

82% Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to West Chester Area.

Number of times West Chester Area has raised property taxes in the last 11 years. 8

259 West Chester Area rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest).

The increase in state funding for West Chester Area if it were fully funded by the state. $11.7M

How much is spent to educate district students?

$16,233 Current spending per student in West Chester Area.

West Chester Area rank in current spending out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest). 242

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. John Kane (D)
- Sen. Carolyn Comitta (D)

Representatives
- Rep. Dianne Herrin (D)
- Rep. Christina Sappey (D)
- Rep. Craig Williams (R)
- Rep. Kristine Howard (D)
- Rep. Christopher Quinn (R)

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

Senators
- Sen. John Kane (D)
- Sen. Carolyn Comitta (D)

Representatives
- Rep. Wendell Williams (R)
- Rep. Kristine Howard (D)
- Rep. Dianne Herrin (D)
Number of students: 12,723

Performance:
- Reading: 3rd Grade, 78%
- Math: 7th Grade, 38%

Child Poverty Rate:
- School District: 5%
- Statewide: 17%

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

- + $28,867,750 (+21%) Increase in instructional costs for the district
- + $264,958 (+2%) Change in state funding to cover instructional costs
- + 40% + $11,305,559 Change in expenditures for special education
- + 4% +$214,648 Change in state revenue dedicated to special education
- + 19% + $1,217,488 Change in payments to charter schools

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