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Southern Columbia 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 Southern Columbia Area School District?

58%

Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Southern Columbia Area.

8

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

281

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

\$3M

The increase in state funding for Southern Columbia 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 Gordner (R)

Representatives

Rep. Kurt Masser (R)

Rep. David Millard (R)

How much is spent to educate district students?

\$13,797

Current spending per student in Southern Columbia Area.

406

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



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

+\$2,185,209
(18%)

Increase in instructional costs for the district

-\$44,300
(-1%)

Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

+14%

+\$371,484

Change in Expenditures for Special Education

+7%

+\$51,425

Change in State Revenue Dedicated to Special Education

+85%

+\$106,370

Change in Payments to Charter Schools

Number of students

1,423

Performance - Students on Grade Level

Reading:
3rd

71%

Math:
7th

69%

Child Poverty Rate

School District

12%

Statewide

18%

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