

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 Big Spring School District?

80%

Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Big Spring.

7

The number of times Big Spring has raised property taxes in the last 8 years.

169

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

\$2M

The increase in state funding for Big Spring if it were fully funded by the state.

How much is spent to educate district students?

\$16,478

Current spending per student in Big Spring.

160

Big Spring 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. Judy Ward (R)

Sen. Mike Regan (R)

Representatives

Rep. Torren Ecker (R)

Rep. Barbara Gleim (R)

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

+\$5,111,159
(19%)

Increase in instructional costs for the district

-\$482,500
(-4%)

Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

+43%

+\$2,638,057

Change in Expenditures for Special Education

+9%

+\$149,501

Change in State Revenue Dedicated to Special Education

+67%

+\$568,078

Change in Payments to Charter Schools

Number of students

2,591

Performance - Students on Grade Level

Reading:
3rd

74%

Math:
7th

41%

Child Poverty Rate

School District

12%

Statewide

18%

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