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What does this mean for the Ridgway Area School District?

- Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Ridgway Area: 38%
- Number of times Ridgway Area has raised property taxes in the last 12 years: 5
- Ridgway Area rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest): 412
- The increase in state funding for Ridgway Area if it were fully funded by the state: $1.3M

How much is spent to educate district students?

- Current spending per student in Ridgway Area: $17,944
- Ridgway Area rank in current spending out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest): 192

Let your elected officials know you support more funding for your schools and sensible property tax relief:

- Senators
  - Sen. Cris Dush (R)
- Representatives
  - Rep. Michael Armanini (R)

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Ridgway Area
School District Factsheet 2023

Number of students
795

Performance:
Students on Grade Level
Reading: 3rd 57%
Math: 7th 63%

Child Poverty Rate
School District 17%
Statewide 17%

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

+ $972,152
+ 11%
Increase in instructional costs for the district

+ $240,201
+ 4%
Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

+ 95%
+ $1,202,599
Change in expenditures for special education

+ 18%
+$107,771
Change in state revenue dedicated to special education

+ 529%
+ $456,842
Change in payments to charter schools

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