

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 Columbia Borough School District?

47%

Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Columbia Borough.

6

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

75

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

\$6M

The increase in state funding for Columbia Borough 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. Ryan Aument (R)

Representative

Rep. David Hickernell (R)

How much is spent to educate district students?

\$15,039

Current spending per student in Columbia Borough.

262

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

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

+\$2,297,153
(17%)

Increase in instructional costs for the district

+\$28,143
(0%)

Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

+63%

+\$2,373,640

Change in Expenditures for Special Education

+16%

+\$184,275

Change in State Revenue Dedicated to Special Education

+64%

+\$308,215

Change in Payments to Charter Schools

Number of students

1,495

Performance - Students on Grade Level

Reading:
3rd

52%

Math:
7th

14%

Child Poverty Rate

School District

29%

Statewide

18%

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