Pennsylvania is not paying its fair share for public schools. It ranks 45th in the country in state share of education costs.

**What does this mean for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District?**

53%  Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Wilkes-Barre Area.

8  Number of times Wilkes-Barre Area has raised property taxes in the last 12 years.

78  Wilkes-Barre Area rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest).

$39.1M  The increase in state funding for Wilkes-Barre Area if it were fully funded by the state.

$13,841  Current spending per student in Wilkes-Barre Area.

477  Wilkes-Barre Area rank in current spending out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest).

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. Dave Argall (R)
Sen. Martin Flynn (D)

**Representatives**

Rep. Edwin Pashinski (D)
Rep. James Haddock (D)

**How much is spent to educate district students?**
Wilkes-Barre Area
School District Factsheet 2023

Number of students: 7,976

Performance:
- Reading: 3rd grade, 23%
- Math: 7th grade, 7%

Child Poverty Rate:
- School District: 36%
- Statewide: 17%

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

- + $5,949,233 (+8%)
  Increase in instructional costs for the district

- + $8,954,286 (+28%)
  Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

- + 93%
  + $11,939,364
  Change in expenditures for special education

- + 38%
  + $1,501,185
  Change in state revenue dedicated to special education

- + 133%
  + $6,835,145
  Change in payments to charter schools

To view sources of this information, please visit www.paschoolswork.org/data