Pennsylvania is not paying its fair share for public schools. It ranks 43rd in the country in state share of education costs.

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

- **54%** 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 11 years.
- **66** Wilkes-Barre Area rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest).
- **$25.3M** The increase in state funding for Wilkes-Barre Area if it were fully funded by the state.

How much is spent to educate district students?

- **$14,374** Current spending per student in Wilkes-Barre Area.
- **422** 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. John Yudichak (I)

**Representatives**
- Rep. Mike Carroll (D)
- Rep. Eddie Day Pashinski (D)

These elected officials represent the communities this school district serves under legislative maps taking effect in January:

**Senators**
- Sen. Dave Argall (R)
- Sen. Martin Flynn (D) (Special 2021)

**Representatives**
- Rep. Edwin Pashinski (D)
- Rep. Michael Carroll (D)
Number of students: 7,970

Performance:
- Reading: 3rd grade
  - Students on Grade Level: 30%
- Math: 7th grade
  - Students on Grade Level: 8%

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:

- + $9,336,539
  - 13%
  - Increase in instructional costs for the district

- + $5,012,318
  - 16%
  - Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

- + 95%
  - + $11,345,434
  - Change in expenditures for special education

- + 27%
  - +$1,071,924
  - Change in state revenue dedicated to special education

- + 119%
  - +$5,304,111
  - Change in payments to charter schools

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