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

### What does this mean for the Mercer Area School District?

- **28%** Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Mercer Area.
- **4** Number of times Mercer Area has raised property taxes in the last 12 years.
- **416** Mercer Area rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest).
- **$3.3M** The increase in state funding for Mercer Area if it were fully funded by the state.

### How much is spent to educate district students?

- **$17,203** Current spending per student in Mercer Area.
- **241** Mercer 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:

- **Senators**
  - Sen. Michele Brooks (R)
- **Representatives**
  - Rep. Timothy Bonner (R)
Here is what has changed for the district since 2011 when the state dramatically reduced education funding:

- + $1,844,170 (+20%)
  Increase in instructional costs for the district
- + $72,200 (+1%)
  Change in state funding to cover instructional costs
- + 48%  
  + $823,598
  Change in expenditures for special education
- + 17%  
  +$138,068
  Change in state revenue dedicated to special education
- + 142%  
  + $712,305
  Change in payments to charter schools

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