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 Upper Merion Area School District?

Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Upper Merion Area: 85%

Number of times Upper Merion Area has raised property taxes in the last 11 years: 9

Upper Merion Area rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest): 104

The increase in state funding to Upper Merion Area since 2011: $7.1M

How much is spent to educate district students?

Current spending per student in Upper Merion Area: $22,126

Upper Merion Area rank in current spending out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest): 18

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. Amanda Cappelletti (D)

Representatives
Rep. Tim Briggs (D)
Rep. Gregory Vitali (D)

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

Senators
Sen. Amanda Cappelletti (D)

Representatives
Rep. Timothy Briggs (D)
Number of students
4,277

Performance: Students on Grade Level
Reading: 3rd 74%
Math: 7th 34%

Child Poverty Rate
School District 9%
Statewide 17%

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

+ $22,750,656 + 45%
Increase in instructional costs for the district

+ $410,243 + 11%
Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

+ 64%
+ $6,476,672
Change in expenditures for special education

+ 4%
+$59,051
Change in state revenue dedicated to special education

+ 65%
+ $452,801
Change in payments to charter schools

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