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Upper Merion Area

School District Factsheet

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 Upper Merion Area School District?

85%

Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Upper Merion Area.

7

The number of times Upper Merion Area has raised property taxes in the last 8 years.

70

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

\$3M

The increase in state funding for Upper Merion Area if it were fully funded by the state.

How much is spent to educate district students?

\$21,141

Current spending per student in Upper Merion Area.

21

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

Contact these elected officials

to let them know you support more funding for your schools and sensible property tax relief:

Senator

Sen. Daylin Leach (D)

Representatives

Rep. Tim Briggs (D)

Rep. Gregory Vitali (D)





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

+\$15,619,462
(31%)

Increase in instructional costs for the district

+\$224,245
(6%)

Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

+42%

+\$4,300,975

Change in Expenditures for Special Education

+2%

+\$30,978

Change in State Revenue Dedicated to Special Education

+12%

+\$84,301

Change in Payments to Charter Schools

Number of students

4,066

Performance - Students on Grade Level

Reading:
3rd

67%

Math:
7th

49%

Child Poverty Rate

School District

8%

Statewide

18%

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