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 Bethlehem Area School District?

71% Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Bethlehem Area.

9 Number of times Bethlehem Area has raised property taxes in the last 11 years.

52 Bethlehem Area rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest).

$38.2M The increase in state funding for Bethlehem Area if it were fully funded by the state.

How much is spent to educate district students?

$16,545 Current spending per student in Bethlehem Area.

221 Bethlehem 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. Lisa Boscola (D)
Sen. Mario Scavello (R)

Representatives
Rep. Jeanne McNeill (D)
Rep. Steve Samuelson (D)
Rep. Robert Freeman (D)
Rep. Ann Flood (R)

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

Senators
Sen. John Yudichak (I)
Sen. Lisa Boscola (D)

Representatives
Rep. Joseph Emrick (R)
Rep. Robert Freeman (D)
Rep. Stephen Samuelson (D)
Rep. Jeanne Mcneil (D)
### Number of students

15,554

### Performance: Students on Grade Level

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<td>Reading: 3rd</td>
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### Child Poverty Rate

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<td>School District</td>
<td>17%</td>
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### Here is what has changed for the district since 2011 when the state dramatically reduced education funding:

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<td>Increase in instructional costs for the district</td>
<td>+ $61,839,318</td>
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<td>Change in state funding to cover instructional costs</td>
<td>+ $3,517,925</td>
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<td>+ 81%</td>
<td>+ $19,152,982</td>
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<td>Change in state revenue dedicated to special education</td>
<td>+ 22%</td>
<td>+ $1,443,741</td>
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<td>Change in payments to charter schools</td>
<td>+ 217%</td>
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