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

What does this mean for the Bethlehem Area School District?

- Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Bethlehem Area: 70%
- Number of times Bethlehem Area has raised property taxes in the last 12 years: 9
- Bethlehem Area rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest): 46
- The increase in state funding for Bethlehem Area if it were fully funded by the state: $40.9M

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. Nicholas Miller (D)
- Sen. Lisa Boscola (D)

Representatives
- Rep. Joseph Emrick (R)
- Rep. Robert Freeman (D)
- Rep. Stephen Samuelson (D)
- Rep. Jeanne Mcneil (D)

How much is spent to educate district students?

- Current spending per student in Bethlehem Area: $17,424
- Bethlehem Area rank in current spending out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest): 221
Number of students: 15,227

Performance:
- Reading: 3rd Grade Level: 47%
- Math: 7th Grade Level: 17%

Child Poverty Rate:
- School District: 17%
- Statewide: 17%

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

- Increase in instructional costs for the district: + $68,759,637 (50%)
- Change in state funding to cover instructional costs: + $7,559,857 (19%)
- Change in expenditures for special education: + 90% (+ $21,842,775)
- Change in state revenue dedicated to special education: + 27% (+$1,775,811)
- Change in payments to charter schools: + 196% (+ $22,246,525)

To view sources of this information, please visit www.paschoolswork.org/data