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 Tamaqua Area School District?

- Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Tamaqua Area: 53%
- Number of times Tamaqua Area has raised property taxes in the last 12 years: 6
- Tamaqua Area rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest): 335
- The increase in state funding for Tamaqua Area if it were fully funded by the state: $11.2M

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. Dave Argall (R)

**Representatives**
- Rep. Jamie Barton (R)

How much is spent to educate district students?

- Current spending per student in Tamaqua Area: $13,747
- Tamaqua Area rank in current spending out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest): 479
Number of students: 2,250

Performance:
- Reading: 3rd Grade 52%
- Math: 7th Grade 12%

Child Poverty Rate:
- School District: 11%
- Statewide: 17%

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

- + $5,654,160 + 34%
  Increase in instructional costs for the district

- + $883,478 + 10%
  Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

- + 52%
  Change in expenditures for special education
  + $2,221,991

- + 31%
  Change in state revenue dedicated to special education
  + $373,524

- + 189%
  Change in payments to charter schools
  + $1,188,423

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