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-Center School District?

- Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Bethlehem-Center: 28%
- Number of times Bethlehem-Center has raised property taxes in the last 11 years: 9
- Bethlehem-Center rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest): 481
- The increase in state funding for Bethlehem-Center if it were fully funded by the state: $4.0M

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. Camera Bartolotta (R)

Representatives
- Rep. Bud Cook (R)
- Rep. Pam Snyder (D)

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

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How much is spent to educate district students?

- Current spending per student in Bethlehem-Center: $16,819
- Bethlehem-Center rank in current spending out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest): 207
Number of students: 1,199

Performance:
- Reading: 3rd grade, 52%
- Math: 7th grade, 4%

Child Poverty Rate:
- School District: 13%
- 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: + $3,287,285 (+ 30%)
- Change in state funding to cover instructional costs: -$6,340 (-0.1%)
- Change in expenditures for special education: + 90% (+ $1,894,229)
- Change in state revenue dedicated to special education: + 11% (+$98,421)
- Change in payments to charter schools: + 124% (+ $417,504)

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