

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 Bethlehem-Center School District?

26%

Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Bethlehem-Center.

6

The number of times Bethlehem-Center has raised property taxes in the last 8 years.

484

Bethlehem-Center rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being highest).

\$219,720

The increase in state funding for Bethlehem-Center if it were fully funded by the state.

How much is spent to educate district students?

\$16,647

Current spending per student in Bethlehem-Center.

147

Bethlehem-Center 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. Camera Bartolotta (R)

Representatives

Rep. Bud Cook (R)

Rep. Pam Snyder (D)

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

+\$2,880,546
(26%)

Increase in instructional costs for the district

-\$120,243
(-1%)

Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

+77%

+\$1,611,534

Change in Expenditures for Special Education

+9%

+\$82,151

Change in State Revenue Dedicated to Special Education

+199%

+\$670,839

Change in Payments to Charter Schools

Number of students

1,235

Performance - Students on Grade Level

Reading:
3rd

66%

Math:
7th

19%

Child Poverty Rate

School District

19%

Statewide

18%

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