

INEQUITY IN PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING

2022

EXAMPLES ACROSS THE STATE

Pottstown School District, Montgomery County

- No Elementary School Counselors • No Middle School Foreign Language Classes • No Middle School Music Classes
- No Athletic or Non-Athletic Intramural After School Activities • Nurses and Librarians Shared Among Schools

Columbia Borough School District, Lancaster County

- No Reading Specialists in the Entire District • No Advanced Placement Classes Offered at the High School
- No Intervention Specialists in the District to Provide Support to Students in Need of Remediation

Scranton School District, Lackawanna County

- School Buildings are Old and in Disrepair • Very Low Starting Salaries Attract Only Newly Graduated Educators
- Pre-Kindergarten Eliminated from the Curriculum Because of Cost

Upper Darby School District, Delaware County

- Rented Inadequate Schools Outside of District to House Overflow of Students • Overcrowded, Old School Buildings
- Many Positions, Such as Much-Needed Reading Specialists, Cut Due to Budgeting Concerns

Philadelphia School District, Philadelphia County

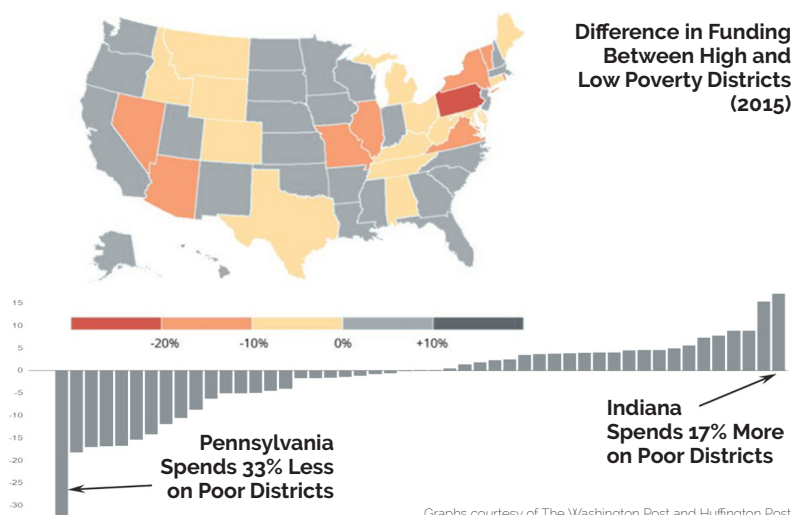
- Buildings in Disrepair: Leaded Water, Lead Paint, and Asbestos Contaminating Some Buildings • Classes Overcrowded and Schools Understaffed at All Levels • Physical Education Teachers Use Stairwells, Hallways as Learning Spaces

William Penn School District, Delaware County

- Two Social Workers for More Than 5000 Young People • Few School Counselors and Little Mental Health Support
- Poor Athletic Facilities; No Track • No Adequate Theater Space for the Arts • Old, Inadequate Buildings

***These shortfalls in student resources are not unique. Hundreds of poorer school districts across the commonwealth lack the basic facilities and programs that more wealthy school districts take for granted.**

LAST IN THE NATION



In Pennsylvania, kids who need the most get the least.

Pennsylvania ranks very last among all 50 states when it comes to providing additional funding to school districts in poverty.

PA is the only state that does not increase funding as student populations grow year after year. If the student population has increased, the district will receive the same percentage of state funding, reducing dollars provided per student.

Communities across Pennsylvania deserve an equitable funding model to be totally implemented in order to level the playing field for our children.

A CLEAR RACIAL BIAS

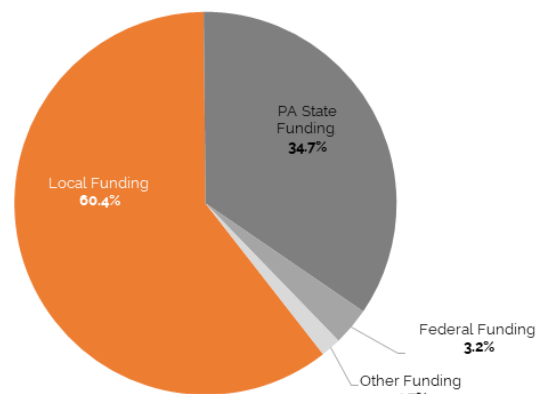
More racially diverse districts in Pennsylvania almost always get less than their fair share.

The whiter the district, the more likely it is to receive more than its fair share of state funding. The more diverse the district, the more likely it is to receive less than its fair share of state funding.

For communities of color, the lack of education funding causes real social harm. Educational attainment is closely linked to health outcomes and economic achievement. Creating a truly fair funding formula makes our communities stronger and benefits us all.

SHIFTING THE BURDEN

The inequities in state funding pass along the burden of funding school districts to local residents, often through higher property taxes.



This system leaves poorer communities no choice but to raise new taxes on residents who are the least prepared to pay more in order to provide adequate educational opportunities for our children.

RESOURCES FOR CHANGE

- Pennsylvanians for Fair Funding: pafairfunding.org
- POWER: powerinterfaith.org
- PA School Boards Association: psba.org/issues
- Equity First: supportequityfirst.org
- Education Voters of PA: educationvoterspa.org
- Education Law Center: elc-pa.org
- PA Schools Work: paschoolswork.org
- Fund Our Schools PA: fundourschoolspa.org

Data Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education, 2019

Less than Fair Share

Philadelphia City SD -\$401,239,860	
Scranton SD -\$32,490,316	Harrisburg City SD -\$31,025,366
Wilkes-Barre Area SD -\$27,911,555	Lancaster SD -\$25,190,237
Reading SD -\$100,250,934	Bethlehem SD -\$20,141,471
Erie City SD -\$12,112,845	Hazleton Area SD -\$11,581,114
Pocono Mountain SD -\$10,989,000	Bensalem Township SD -\$9,728,000
Conestoga Valley SD -\$9,328,000	Central York SD -\$9,277,000
State College Area SD -\$9,198,000	Lebanon SD -\$9,130,000
Central Dauphin SD -\$8,620,000	Parkland SD -\$8,393,000
Wilson SD -\$8,040,000	East Stroudsburg Area SD -\$7,820,000
North Penn SD -\$7,820,000	Jim Thorpe Area SD -\$7,820,000
Manheim Township SD -\$7,820,000	Greater Johnstown SD -\$5,600,000
Abington SD -\$5,600,000	West Chester Area SD -\$5,600,000
Easton Area SD -\$5,600,000	Allentown City SD -\$85,207,441
Dallastown Area SD -\$15,413,836	Shenandoah Valley SD -\$15,413,836
Upper Merion Area SD -\$15,413,836	South Easton SD -\$15,413,836
York City SD -\$54,860,772	York Suburban SD -\$13,664,354
Pottstown SD -\$13,479,134	Muhlenberg SD -\$6,480,000

More than Fair Share

Pittsburgh SD \$78,614,936	
Altoona Area SD \$14,790,563	Connellsville Area SD \$13,086,988
Penncrest SD \$12,411,623	Pleasant Valley SD \$12,278,606
Butler Area SD \$12,024,607	Armstrong SD \$10,958,197
Warren County SD \$10,782,464	Punxsutawney SD \$9,078,200
Penn-Trafford SD \$9,078,200	Forest Hills SD \$8,827,609
Norwin SD \$8,827,609	South Side Area SD \$8,827,609
Albert Gallatin Area SD \$8,827,609	Plum Borough SD \$8,827,609
Kiski Area SD \$8,827,609	McGuire SD \$8,827,609
Jersey Shore Area SD \$8,827,609	Hempfield SD \$8,827,609
Keystone Area SD \$8,827,609	Hopewell Area SD \$8,827,609
Elwood City SD \$8,827,609	Mohawk Area SD \$8,827,609
Tunkhannock Area SD \$8,827,609	Ringgold SD \$8,827,609
Penn Cambria SD \$8,827,609	Titusville Area SD \$8,827,609
Derry Area SD \$8,827,609	General SD \$8,827,609
Council Rock SD \$8,827,609	Bethlehem Area SD \$8,827,609
Southampton SD \$8,827,609	Oil City SD \$8,827,609
Mifflin County SD \$8,827,609	Northampton SD \$8,827,609
Northampton SD \$8,827,609	Union City SD \$8,827,609
Marion Center Area SD \$8,827,609	Riverside Area SD \$8,827,609
Tyrone SD \$8,827,609	Phillipsburg SD \$8,827,609
Belle Vernon Area SD \$8,827,609	Red Bank SD \$8,827,609
Corry Area SD \$8,827,609	Susquehanna Area SD \$8,827,609
Shamokin Area SD \$8,827,609	Harbor Creek SD \$8,827,609
Belmont Area SD \$8,827,609	Portage Area SD \$8,827,609
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Montrose Area SD \$8,827,609	Central Area SD \$8,827,609
Hollidaysburg SD \$8,827,609	Black Hawk SD \$8,827,609
Grove City SD \$8,827,609	East Lycoming SD \$8,827,609
Brockway Area SD \$8,827,609	Cambridge SD \$8,827,609
New Brighton SD \$8,827,609	Coatesville SD \$8,827,609
South Butler SD \$8,827,609	Slippery Rock SD \$8,827,609
Fort Cherry SD \$8,827,609	Cranberry SD \$8,827,609
South Allegheny SD \$8,827,609	Monaca SD \$8,827,609
Union Area SD \$8,827,609	Watts SD \$8,827,609
Bald Eagle SD \$8,827,609	Frazier SD \$8,827,609
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Elizabethtown SD \$8,827,609	Williamsport SD \$8,827,609
Jeanette SD \$8,827,609	Crestwood SD \$8,827,609
Conneaut SD \$8,827,609	Valley Forge SD \$8,827,609
Troy Area SD \$8,827,609	Central Valley SD \$8,827,609
United SD \$8,827,609	Lake Erie SD \$8,827,609
Purchase Line SD \$8,827,609	Brookville SD \$8,827,609
Karns City Area SD \$8,827,609	Southampton SD \$8,827,609
Youghiogheny SD \$8,827,609	Ambrieger SD \$8,827,609
Laurel SD \$8,827,609	Brownsville SD \$8,827,609
Chestnut SD \$8,827,609	Penns Manor SD \$8,827,609
Franklin Area SD \$8,827,609	Tussock SD \$8,827,609
Berwick Area SD \$8,827,609	Keystone SD \$8,827,609
Shenandoah SD \$8,827,609	Elk Lake SD \$8,827,609
Clearfield Area SD \$8,827,609	Delaware SD \$8,827,609
Freedom Area SD \$8,827,609	Northampton SD \$8,827,609
Avon Grove SD \$8,827,609	Meyersdale SD \$8,827,609
Reynolds SD \$8,827,609	Athens SD \$8,827,609

More Students of Color

Fewer Students of Color