Tacoma Public Schools

Despite recent large increases in spending, public school officials are not providing children with the high-quality education they promised.

1. **Number of students**: 28,159
2. **Number of schools**: 57
3. **Spending per student**: $17,100
4. **Spending on teacher pay**:
   
   Average teacher gets $108,500 in pay and benefits.
   
   Teachers can make up to $134,500 in pay and benefits.

5. **Spending on central office staff**:
   
   Superintendent gets $334,400 in salary, plus $26,000 in benefits.
   
   Number of administrators paid over $100,000 a year: 193.
   
   Only 47 percent of employees are teachers.

6. **Spending growth**:
   
   Per-student spending has increased by $5,100, or 43 percent, in six years.

7. **Student learning**
   
   2018-19:
   
   • 47.8 percent of students fail to meet state standard in English
   
   • 61.5 percent of students fail to meet state standard in math

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