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Tim Terranova, Ed.D., *Superintendent of Schools*

Dear Victor Families and Friends,

It has been an exciting first three weeks as Superintendent of Victor Central School District (VCSD). After just a short time, it is clear this District is extremely special.

I have witnessed first-hand the love our community has for its schools and the incredible commitment by our staff to the success of our students. I am proud to be part of the District and look forward to playing a small role in its continued excellence.

While there are amazing people and successes taking place throughout our District, there are challenges which we face as well. Specifically, our District has experienced tremendous growth over the past 15 years and funding has not kept pace with that growth. Currently, our District is receiving among the lowest ratios of State Aid (funding) in not only the Rochester area but the entire State of New York. This has led to Victor having the lowest per pupil expenditure and the lowest tax rate of any school district of similar size in the area.

In order for our District to continue on a path of success, it is critically important that we examine ways to increase revenue to maintain the excellence for which the District is known.

To that end, District leadership is proposing a tax cap override for the VCSD 2020-21 Budget. The override is still being finalized by the Board of Education, however, the District has submitted a preliminary tax cap increase of 11% to the state as of the March 1st deadline. This tax levy increase may be adjusted over the next few weeks. It is important to note that even after this tax cap override, the Victor Central School District will still have the lowest per pupil expenditure and the lowest tax rate of any school district of similar size in the area.

As a District, we deeply value the importance of being good stewards of taxpayer dollars. This is not a decision which we take lightly.

In the coming weeks, the Board of Education will finalize and approve the budget at which time exact numbers will be formalized and shared with the community. The Board approved budget will then be put before voters on Tuesday, May 19. Budget passage will require a supermajority approval of over 60%.

Additional budget-related information can be found on our website, victorschools.org.

Throughout the coming days and weeks, we will have significant communication with the community regarding the budget. Your participation in this process is vital. Please consider attending the following budget meetings, all of which will take place in the Early Childhood School Boardroom.

- Thursday, March 5th at 7:15 PM / Budget Meeting
- Wednesday, March 11th at 7:15 PM / Regular Scheduled Board Meeting
- Thursday, March 19th at 7:15 PM / Budget Meeting (Tentative)

We also welcome your feedback. You can submit questions to VCSbudget@victorschools.org.

I look forward to sharing future updates with you, not just on our budget, but on all of the fantastic things that our children are accomplishing at VCSD.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Terranova". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.

Tim Terranova, Ed.D.