

Tough Questions

Q1: What about the comptrollers audit?

The Comptroller is expected to audit every school district every 5 years. Despite the reserve levels maintained by VCS, which current reserve levels are described on page 7, the Comptroller still said we had too much surplus in 2019. The School District issued a response to the Comptroller’s Audit disagreeing with this statement.

*Since 2018 the comptroller has completed 70 audits of “financial condition” or “financial management,” 62 of these are critical of a districts level of fund balance, budgeting accuracy (remaining contingent funds), or reserves. Of the 8 reports that are uncritical of those topics, 3 of the schools receive **fiscal stress** designations.*

Q2. What about the cost of the aquatic center and turf fields?

Each of these projects and their associated expenses were approved by a vote of the VCS community. After the state building aid recouped on these projects, our Fiscal Advisor estimates the net cost to a Victor resident to be 10 cents of the total tax levy. That equates to about \$17 per year for a homeowner with a home assessed at \$200,000 receiving the STAR credit.

Q3. What about the new revenue generated by houses being built

The District establishes a tax levy each year subject to the tax cap law. If the rate of property development exceeds the rate of levy growth, the District does not receive additional revenue beyond its established levy. This is one of the factors that has led to a decreased property tax rate in the District. The District has the privilege of educating the students that have moved in, but does not receive additional revenue to support their education. The tax cap formula allows for some assessment growth factor, but Victor’s assessment growth has exceeded the growth in the levy.

Tax Levy
(Total Value to Be Collected) \$ 100

Property
(Total Assessments in District) ÷ 100

Taxes \$1 / Home



A simple example is a tax levy of \$100.
If the assessments go from \$100 to \$150, the rate goes from \$1 to \$.75.
The District would still collect \$100.

Tax Levy
(Total Value to Be Collected) \$ 100

Property
(Total Assessments in District) ÷ 150

Taxes \$0.75 / Home

