

# VCS 2021/22 Budget Update

March 25, 2021



**VICTOR CENTRAL**

SCHOOL DISTRICT

# 2021-22 General Budget Goals

- ▶ **Maintain a Comprehensive Education that the VCS District Community expects**
- ▶ **Stabilize Reserves and develop consistent budgetary practices**
- ▶ **Maximize efficiencies in spending**
- ▶ **Maximize ability to generate aid for future years**
- ▶ **Transparency**

# Debt Payments

	Buildings	Buses	Total
2019-2020	1,147,347	297,144	1,444,491
2020-2021	752,242	305,175	1,057,417
2021-2022	1,473,605	305,175	1,778,780
2022-2023	1,629,263	305,175	1,934,438
2023-2024	1,639,142	305,175	1,944,317

This represents the difference between debt payments and aid for projects.

# Tax Assessment Challenges

- As of 3/9/2021 our exposure is \$3,067,430 based upon claims filed. Realistically it is closer to \$791,582. These are only the CURRENT claims as of today. If these do not get settled, the exposure will increase each school year.
  - Reserve is currently at \$753,306.02
- One of the 3 ways to challenge your assessments is based on sales. The period for these claims will begin July 1. The County and the Town has expressed concern over the volume of possible new challenges related to COVID.

# Comparison of Personnel Budgets from 2020-21 to 2021-22 (March 10th)

	2020-21 Personnel Budget	2021-22 Personnel Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Professional Salaries	29,128,840	29,169,525	40,685	0.14%
Support Salaries	9,999,865	10,516,066	516,201	5.16%
Fringe Benefits	19,333,500	20,853,403	1,519,903	<b>7.86%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,462,205</b>	<b>60,538,994</b>	<b>2,076,789</b>	<b>3.55%</b>

# Supporting the Social Emotional Needs of Students

Rochester Regional Health

Mental Health Referrals

Family Support Center

# Staffing Based on Needs (Student Services)

- ▶ Ratio of Psychologists, Counselors and Social Workers
- ▶ Addition of 8:1:1 program at VIS
- ▶ Continue Board Certified Behavior Analyst
- ▶ Continue Transition Specialist
- ▶ Music Therapy Intern

# Staffing Based on Needs (Student Services)

Staffing Area	Staffing Adjustment	Current Staff Attrition	Remaining Staffing Adjustment Needed
Special Education	+0.5 FTE	NA	+0.5 FTE



# Staffing Based on Needs

## Academic Intervention Services

- ▶ AIMSweb assessments
- ▶ NWEA MAP (Measure of Academic Progress)
- ▶ Specialized Reading Instruction at VJH

# Staffing Based on Needs (Academic Intervention)

Staffing Area	Staffing Adjustment	Current Staff Attrition	Remaining Staffing Adjustment Needed
ECS Reading Teacher	+1.0 FTE	NA	+1.0 FTE
VPS Reading Teacher	+0.5 FTE	NA	+0.5 FTE
VPS Math Teacher	+0.5 FTE	NA	+0.5 FTE

# Staffing Based on Needs (Technology & Cleaning)

Technology Staff + \$150,000 (BOCES Expense)

- ▶ .6 FTE Network Analyst Level 1
- ▶ .4 Computer Service Assistant
- ▶ .6 Technology Integration

Technology Hardware & Software + \$100,000

Cleaning Staff + \$250,000

**TOTAL ADDITIONS= +\$500,000**

# 2021-2022 Additional Staffing

Area	Proposed Additions from 2020-21 Budget	Cost
Special Ed. Teachers	+0.5	\$40,000
AIS Teachers	+2.0	\$150,000
Enrichment	Restored	\$75,000
Technology	+1.6	\$150,000
Cleaners	+5 positions	\$250,000
	<b>Total Increase</b>	<b>\$665,000</b>

# March 25th 2020-2021 Staffing

Staffing Area	Staffing Adjustments
PreK-12 (the vast majority of these adjustments are covered by attrition)	(7.8 FTE)
Additions - Teachers/Technology/Cleaners	9.1 FTE
<b>Total Staffing Adjustments</b>	<b>+1.3</b>

# Budget Update- as of March 25, 2021

	Personnel Budget 3/10/21	Personnel Budget 3/25/21	\$ Change
Professional Salaries	29,169,525	29,444,525	275,000
Support Salaries	10,516,066	10,572,776	56,710
Fringe Benefits	20,853,403	21,002,642	149,238
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,538,994</b>	<b>61,019,942</b>	<b>480,948</b>

# Revised Budget Projections

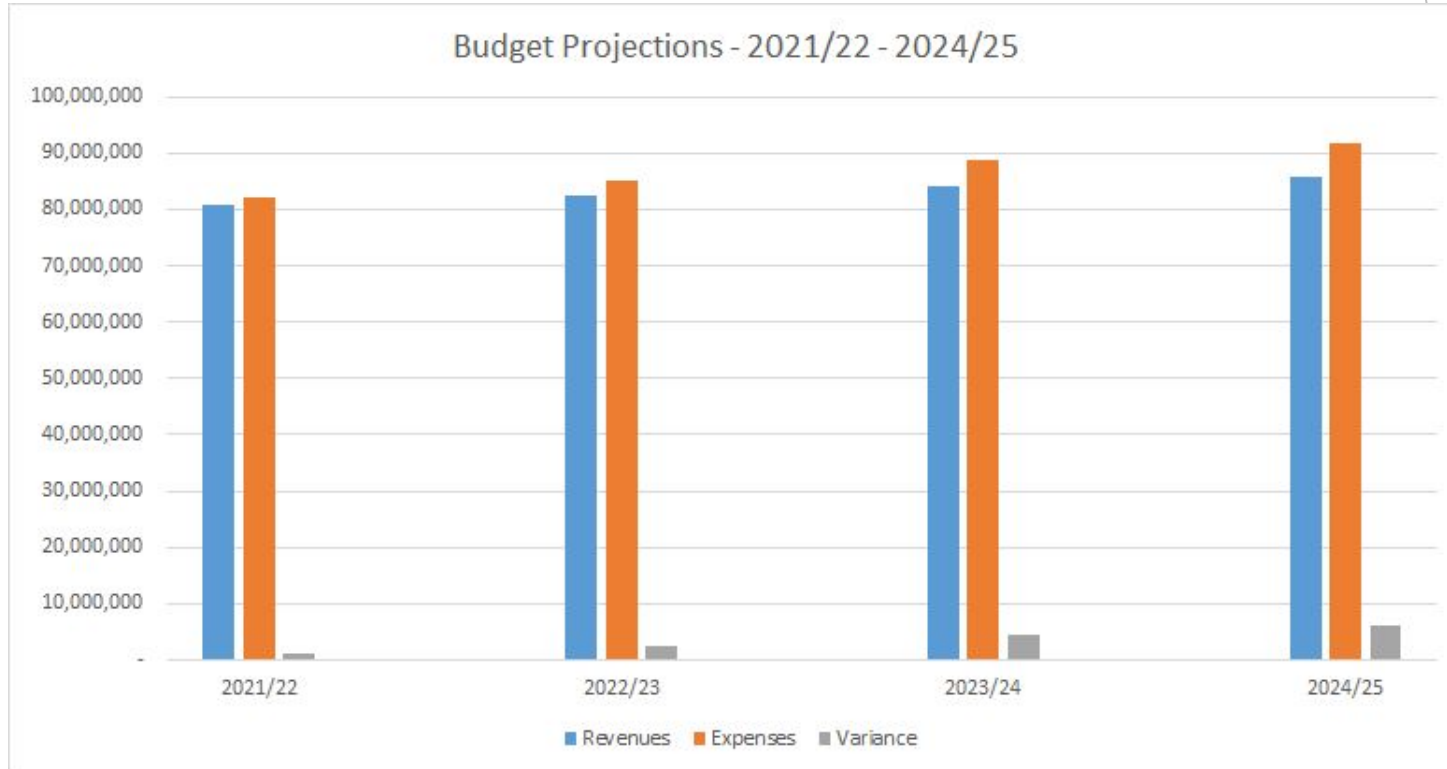
% Increase in Expenses	5.0%
% Increase in Revenues	3.3%
<b>Expenses increasing faster than Revenues</b>	

# Revised Budget Projections

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Revenues	80,827,022	82,506,829	84,098,628	85,763,143
Expenses	82,155,703	85,137,344	88,699,367	91,759,558
Surplus (Deficit)	(1,328,681)	(2,630,515)	(4,601,099)	(5,996,415)



# Revised Budget Projections



## Financial Implications, *cont.*

Must Keep the difference  
between Increased Expenses  
& Increased Revenue as small  
as possible

# State Aid



## 1st Budget Projection

The governor provides his first round of budget projections based on student and budget projections.

## 2nd Budget Projection

April 1st, or later, the State adopts their budget for the upcoming Fiscal Year and adjusts based on estimates.

## Board of Education Adopts Budget

At this time, the budget development process is complete. Nothing can be added or removed from the budget.

## 2021-2022 Aid is Finalized

The district is now informed of the actual amount of state aid we will receive for the current school year.

Based on the state's foundation aid formula that was frozen in 2008, Victor receives \$9 million less than what we are owed (approximately 56%).

Our local Senators have proposed “thawing” the foundation aid formula beginning next school year, which could increase foundation aid by approximately \$500,000.

# 2021-2022 Revenues

Category	Amount
Real Property Taxes	52,329,088
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	2,833,469
STAR Reimbursement	Included in Property Taxes
Interest and Penalties	45,000
Sales Tax	75,000
Tuition	20,000
Interest Earnings	75,000
Rental of Property and Buses	20,000
BOCES Refund	80,000
Refund of Prior Year Expense	55,000
Miscellaneous	16,000
State Aid	24,674,465
Medicaid	75,000
Appropriate Fund Balance	529,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,827,022</b>

State Aid Category	Amount
Foundation Aid	10,351,942
Public Excess Cost	1,858,325
Private Excess Cost	546,806
Set Aside	1,101,220
Building Aid	5,502,041
Transportation Aid	2,758,711
Textbook Aid	260,378
Computer Software Aid	64,624
Library Aid	26,962
Computer Hardware	68,382
BOCES Aid	2,135,074
<b>Total State Aid</b>	<b>24,674,465</b>



# February 2021

Anticipated Federal Stimulus      4.1 million\*

# March 2021

Anticipated Federal Stimulus      Approximately \$6.3 million\*\*

*\*\$2.7million to replace STAR Aid*

*\*\*Still has STAR reduction but also has \$4.1million over 2 years, \$2.2million over 3 years*

# Stimulus Money

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
<b>Consolidated Appropriations Act - \$4,105,669 - 2 years</b>	2,052,835	2,052,834	0	0
<b>American Rescue Plan - \$2,229,000 - 3 years</b>	743,000	743,000	743,000	0
<b>Consolidated Appropriations Act - Loss of STAR Aid</b>	(2,709,766)	(2,709,766)	(2,709,766)	(2,709,766)
<b>American Rescue Plan - Extended School Year/Day</b>	(148,600)	(148,600)	(148,600)	0
<b>Net Stimulus Money</b>	<b>(62,532)</b>	<b>(62,532)</b>	<b>(2,115,366)</b>	<b>(2,709,766)</b>

# Three Scenarios with Recommendations

Scenario 1 - Only change is the state does not supplant STAR Aid with stimulus money (increase of \$2.7 million in revenues)

- Because the increase is related to one-time stimulus money, use the money for one-time costs such as:
  - Eliminate the current budget gap (\$1.3 million)
  - Increasing the tech budget to start increasing our device to student ratio (\$200k), which will generate \$130k in BOCES Aid next year.
  - Work with personnel to aggressively attack learning gaps caused by the pandemic (\$TBD), by spreading money over several years.
  - Use the remaining funds for Capital Reserve to stabilize debt in future years.

# Three Scenarios with Recommendations for each one

Scenario 2 - We receive our full STAR Aid, and Foundation Aid increases to 60% funded (additional \$500k).

- All of the recommendations in scenario 1, plus
- Because the foundation aid is sustainable, we can look to address needs throughout the district.



# Three Scenarios with Recommendations for each one

Scenario 3 - The projected state aid budget does not change; our stimulus money is consumed by the decrease in STAR Aid.

- Explore other possible efficiencies. If we are unable to, appropriate some of this year's monies (fund balance) to reduce the gap to a level that the reserves can handle.

# 2021-22 Budget and Tax Rate

	21/22 Draft Budget
Professional Salaries	29,444,525
Support Salaries	10,572,776
Equipment	91,730
Contractual	3,581,647
Materials and Supplies	1,568,063
State Aided Instructional Materials	
Hardware	150,000
Library Materials	59,620
Software	41,200
Textbooks	118,835
Tuition	622,500
BOCES - All Other	5,471,188
BOCES - Technology	1,260,150
Fringe Benefits	21,002,642
Debt Service	8,000,827
Interfund Transfers	170,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,155,703</b>

Projected Tax Rate:

**\$17.78**

**Tax Rates comparison:**  
 2020 - 17.08  
 2021 - 17.78 (projected)  
 Increase - 0.70 or 4.1%

**Tax Levy comparison:**  
 2020 - 50,210,103  
 2021 - 52,329,088  
 Increase - 2,118,985 or  
 4.2%

	20/21 Adopted Budget	21/22 Draft Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Professional Salaries	29,128,840	29,444,525	315,685	1.08%
Support Salaries	9,999,865	10,572,776	572,911	5.73%
Equipment	91,730	91,730	0	0.00%
Contractual	3,504,115	3,581,647	77,532	2.21%
Materials and Supplies	1,491,885	1,568,063	76,178	5.11%
State Aided Instructional Materials				
Hardware	145,000	150,000	5,000	3.45%
Library Materials	58,620	59,620	1,000	1.71%
Software	41,200	41,200	0	0.00%
Textbooks	118,835	118,835	0	0.00%
Tuition	558,000	622,500	64,500	11.56%
BOCES - All Other	5,328,800	5,471,188	142,388	2.67%
BOCES - Technology	1,096,500	1,260,150	163,650	14.92%
Fringe Benefits	19,333,500	21,002,642	1,669,142	8.63%
Debt Service	7,190,000	8,000,827	810,827	11.28%
Interfund Transfers	170,000	170,000	0	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>78,256,890</b>	<b>82,155,703</b>	<b>3,898,813</b>	<b>4.98%</b>

# Next Steps

- ▶ Continue to wait for information from the State regarding State Aid
- ▶ Update Scenarios based on State Aid information
- ▶ Budget Binder to BoE (by April 5th)
- ▶ April 15th BoE meeting
  - ▶ Presentation on Instructional Leadership Staff Structure
  - ▶ BoE Adoption of 2021-22 Budget

**Community members who would like to give feedback regarding the 2021-22 budget, please email us at [VCSBudget@victorschools.org](mailto:VCSBudget@victorschools.org)**