

**Addendum**  
**Finance Committee Meeting**  
**May 18, 2021**

**FY22 BUUSD PROPOSED BUDGET, DRAFT 5, REVOTE JUNE 9**

**Revisions 5/18/21**

***Shall the voters of the Barre Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend \$49,947,503, (includes grants) which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,334 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.95% higher than spending for the current year.***

**DRAFT 5 - Reduction in expenses of \$425,451 + \$100,000 Tax Stab.**

**General fund \$46,352,501, increase of \$1,322,535 or 2.9%, (\$425,451) + 100,000**

1	Allocate an additional \$100,000 from tax stabilization for total of \$600,000	\$100,0000
2	Remove Part-time IT Position	\$40,000
3	Reduce Facility BT/SHS Security Line Items	\$10,000
4	Reduce Snow Plow Line Item-SEA	\$5,000
5	Remove BT Duplicating Position	\$56,951
6	Remove BT Field Trip Transportation	\$20,000
7	Reduce BC/BT Health Prem./HRAs	\$40,000
8	Reduce Board-Audit Services	\$10,000
9	Reduce Business Office Contracted Services	\$4,000
10	Remove SHS Assist. Coach Positions	\$18,500
11	Remove 1 SHS Permanent Substitute	\$31,000
12	Reduce BC SRO	\$30,000
13	Reduce Special Education Paraeducator Wages (3)/Benefits	\$110,000
14	Administrators will determine areas for savings (supplies, equipment, or staffing)	\$50,000
	<b>Draft 5, Expense Budget Decrease</b>	<b>\$425,451</b>
	<b>Additional \$100,000 Tax Stabilization</b>	

***REVOTE 1, May 11, Defeated***

**DRAFT 4 - \$46,777,954, increase of \$1,747,986 or 3.8% (\$265,000) + \$300,000 Rev**

1	Allocate an additional \$300,000 from audited fund balance	\$300,000.00
2	Reduction in special education ESY - absorb in ESSER I Summer School Program	\$25,000.00
3	Reduction in tech. equipment	\$30,000.00
4	Reduction of 2 SEA BI's - include in ESSER II	\$70,000.00
5	Reduction in transportation - eliminate routes, share buses, collaborate with provider	\$60,000.00
6	Reduction in special education group health	\$20,000.00
7	Reduction of Behavior Spec. at BT - include in ESSER II	\$50,000.00
8	Reduction in Supplies-BC	\$10,000.00
	<b>Draft 4, Expense Budget Decrease</b>	<b>\$265,000.00</b>
	<b>Draft 4, Additional Revenue Applied</b>	<b>\$300,000.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$565,000.00</b>

**DRAFT 3- \$47,042,954, increase of \$2,012,986 or 4.47% (\$651,407)**

1	With a \$179,471 fund balance in food service, we are reducing maint. lines in each building by \$15,000 for annual maint. of kitchen equip.	\$45,000.00
2	Reduce facility construction lines to .75/Sq.ft-capital reserve at \$300k	\$113,550.00
3	Reduction to teachers' salary - 1%	\$157,867.00
4	Remove central office custodial contracted service, shs custodial services	\$10,100.00
5	SHS - Tech Tuition	\$40,000.00
6	SHS - 1 FTE Teacher	\$65,000.00
7	SHS - Athletic Transportation	\$10,000.00
8	BT - Reduce library supplies, principal sub wages, advertising, supplies, graduation	\$15,700.00
9	BT - Reduce supplies, books, dues throughout the budget (co-curricular, general ed., etc)	\$34,430.00
10	BC - Behavior Specialist-Resignation, not filling position	\$54,260.00
11	BC - 1 FTE Teacher, Retiring, not filling position, class size policy	\$65,000.00

	alignment	
12	Spec. ed - Psych Contracted Services	\$20,000.00
13	Spec. ed - Supplies and field trip, general instr./SLP/Psych	\$18,000.00
14	Spec. ed - Course Reimb.	\$2,500.00
	<b>Draft 3, Expense Budget Increase, 4.47%</b>	<b>\$651,407.00</b>

**DRAFT 2- \$47,694,362, increase of \$2,664,394 or 5.92% (\$294,469)**

1	Reduction of salary/benefits as directed by board, settled agreements, premium rates, open enrollment information, misc. adjustments	\$294,469.00
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**DRAFT 1- \$47,988,828, increase of \$2,958,862 or 6.57%**

**BUUSD BUDGET 2021-2022 - DRAFT 5 REVOTE June 9, 2021**  
**Projected Comparative Tax Rate Calculations**  
5/18/2021

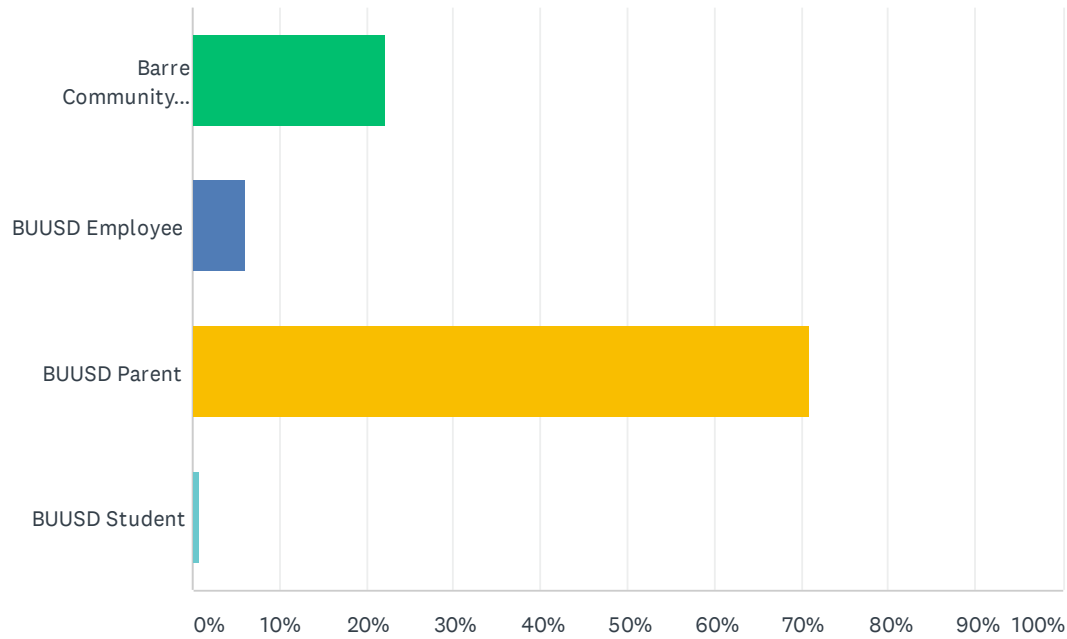
	FY2021	FY2022		Tax rate with CLA at 100%- Comparative purposes only!	
BUUSD BUDGET 2021-2022 - DRAFT 5 REVOTE					
Total BUUSD Expenses	48,479,968	49,947,503	3.03%	49,947,503	3.03%
Less Local Revenues	12,445,528	13,290,528		13,290,528	
Education Spending	36,034,440	36,656,975		36,656,975	
Equalized Pupils-Frz 2/26/21	2,395.72	2,390.52		2,390.52	
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	15,041	15,334	1.95%	15,334	1.95%
State-wide Avg. FY20 \$16,235 - <b>FY21 \$17,133</b>					
EdSpend/ <b>\$11,385</b> (property yield)-UPDATE	136.763%	134.689%		134.689%	
Homestead Equalized Tax Rate	1.00	1.00		1.00	
Equalized Tax Rate	1.3676	1.3469		1.3469	
District's Equalized Pupil %	100%	100%		100%	
Equalized Rate to be assessed by city	1.3676	1.3469		1.3469	
District's CLA	96.37%	<b>94.97%</b>		100.00%	
<b>Barre City Homestead Rate</b>	1.4191	<b>1.4182</b>	<b>(0.00)</b>	1.3469	(0.07)

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Equalized Rate to be assessed by town	1.3676	1.3469		1.3469	
District's CLA	83.48%	79.47%		<b>100.00%</b>	
<b>Barre Town Homestead Rate</b>	1.6383	1.6948	0.06	<b>1.3469</b>	<b>(0.29)</b>

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## Q1 Please select the role that best suits you.

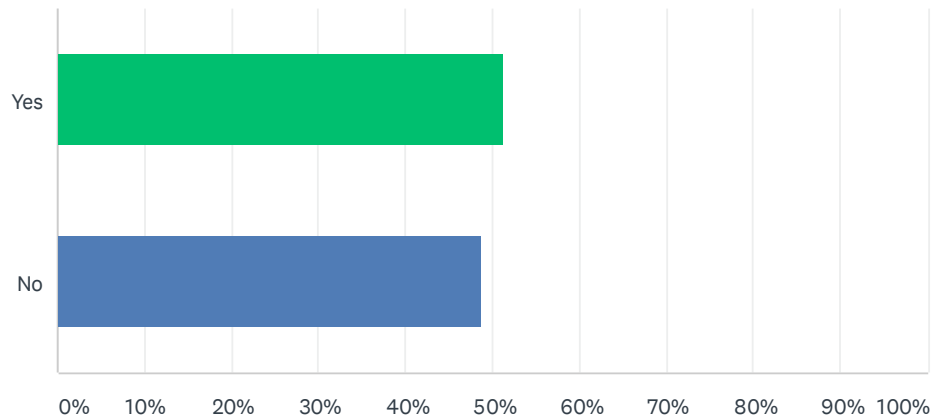
Answered: 261 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Barre Community Member	22.22%	58
BUUSD Employee	6.13%	16
BUUSD Parent	70.88%	185
BUUSD Student	0.77%	2
TOTAL		261

## Q2 Did you vote to approve the Barre Unified Union School District budget on May 11, 2021?

Answered: 261 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	51.34%	134
No	48.66%	127
TOTAL		261

## Q3 Why or why not?

Answered: 196    Skipped: 65

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	too much admin not enough direct student support	5/17/2021 9:33 AM
2	No information on 2021-2022 school year, is a full day till 1:30? Wednesday's? very poor communication. Why the tax increase when hundreds of millions of Federal dollars given to the state?	5/17/2021 7:23 AM
3	you are asking for to much.	5/17/2021 6:29 AM
4	Our schools need full support. As a general principle, the budget ought to be increasing every year simply due to inflation.	5/16/2021 11:36 PM
5	After the first vote failed, the school board did virtually nothing to appease the voters or try to earn a "yes" vote. Instead they just arrogantly put the same bloated budget back before the voters again, hoping that a different demographic of voters would show up at the polls the 2nd time around. They gambled and lost, and the taxpayers now have to pay for yet another election when they come back for round three.	5/16/2021 9:07 PM
6	Unreasonable increase. Doesn't match COL increases	5/16/2021 7:48 PM
7	I did not support the May 11th Proposed Budget because I feel that the increase is too large. I am irritated that the states per pupil average is being used as a sales pitch rather than simply a reference point. I am disappointed that the School Resource Officer has been removed from the High School, student safety is paramount, to go from having it to not having it without reason is puzzling.	5/16/2021 7:28 PM
8	We are in a pandemic and why teachers got raises is beyond me. I don't want my taxes to go up. maybe you don't need to pay for two superintendents. that would decrease your budget some. there is an organization that had upper management not get raises and did not get matching contributions and actually volunteered hours. there are ways you need to get creative.	5/16/2021 7:04 PM
9	support the kids	5/16/2021 6:22 PM
10	Because public schools are incredibly important. We need more specials at school.	5/16/2021 6:01 PM
11	Didn't make it to the polls	5/16/2021 5:54 PM
12	Ridiculous budget amount with utter disregard for the crushing tax load that's already burdening property owners, especially the elderly trying to get by on fixed incomes.	5/16/2021 4:29 PM
13	I believe our public schools and the opportunities they provide are invaluable	5/16/2021 4:28 PM
14	I am a parent, a teacher, a taxpayer, and community member in Barre/BUUSD. I want what is best for our school and children.	5/16/2021 1:44 PM
15	We were told that when we combined districts our taxes would go down and instead they went up over \$1000!	5/16/2021 10:03 AM
16	Could not get the school opened and running	5/16/2021 10:00 AM
17	I do not believe adequate education opportunities were provided during remote learning last spring from the teachers at Barre Town School. Staff did not communicate or support my son's educational experience and that education was provided by me as a parent. His teachers were seen boating and kayaking during school hours while my child was home completing his assigned work. They did not provide instruction but simply assigned lessons where there was little to no support. In fact, they had never even prepared him for using these technology tools. Furthermore, my son could not attend school for most of this school year at Spaulding while other area schools were in session. The teachers at Spaulding have gone above and beyond to meet his educational needs and provide support for him. However, I feel that the decisions made by administrators and the board need reflection and revision, and this was my only outlet	5/16/2021 8:05 AM



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to express my dissatisfaction. My family's multiple email messages expressing frustration were never addressed.

18	I wasn't even in town that day. Schools are way overpriced anymore and have been for years. I homeschooled for years. I remember one year we either voted the budget through or school didn't reopen. There are a lot of reasons to homeschool.	5/16/2021 7:14 AM
19	Spending is out of control. Cut admin salaries and positions.	5/15/2021 7:01 PM
20	Because I feel the increase was reasonable and understand that the schools are one of the main foundations of the community.	5/15/2021 5:45 PM
21	Support school.	5/15/2021 5:07 PM
22	I believe it is important to help provide a little input into where our tax dollars are spent by voting.	5/15/2021 3:55 PM
23	It seemed fair and meets the community needs.	5/15/2021 10:46 AM
24	I think it was a reasonable budget	5/15/2021 10:34 AM
25	Because the teachers have failed our students and our community beyond words.	5/15/2021 9:02 AM
26	Because it's a reasonable budget for next year, and we have one of the lowest spending rates in the state. Viewing the budget as a referendum on decisions made in the 2020-2021 school year, which it feels like many are doing, will be detrimental to education next year when it's imperative the schools have the resources they need after a year of remote learning.	5/15/2021 8:41 AM
27	Barre school system student to teacher ratio is out of balance, There are too many top administrators, the overall budget continues to grow too fast.	5/15/2021 8:34 AM
28	I feel the money does not go to help students it goes toward administration costs. Do you really need 3-4 principals at Barre Town school?	5/15/2021 7:59 AM
29	You keep asking for more and more money. The students were not in school most of the time this year. Students test scores continue to decline as you ask for more money. You have too many administration, staff to student ratio is ridiculous. More money does not mean better education as proven with declining test scores. You need business people to run your schools and not educators..	5/15/2021 7:30 AM
30	Forgot it was voting day	5/15/2021 6:42 AM
31	The 3.4% (Think that was the amount) was too steep, given the unification of schools. There does not appear to be any monetary saving strategies employed to gain operating efficiencies. I sense that a more transparent disclosure of price increases with review by others would be helpful. Sharpen your pencils and learn to live within the standard annual Cost of Living adjustments.	5/15/2021 6:17 AM
32	It is time for this school system to eliminate some of the costly athletic programs and focus on Academics.	5/15/2021 5:59 AM
33	Busy	5/14/2021 11:55 PM
34	It's important to make sure the children have what is needed academically and technology is a plus for online learning	5/14/2021 11:26 PM
35	I was not able to attend voting	5/14/2021 10:15 PM
36	Too many costly decisions under the premise that they will save tax payers money. I.e...How much did BT "save" by farming their bussing out? We keep giving,, but not receiving. Joining districts was supposed to reduce taxes, yet we have seen 5-10%+ increases. Several students have gone to other schools or venues for their education, yet I believe the home district school keeps the per pupil payment from the State or Federal government. Here is another example of a poor decision made by the district. I believe there has been for a few years and still is a substitute shortage. Substitutes who have not subbed in a year recently received notice from the Superintendent's office that according to State law, their names would be deleted from the sub roster, that indeed they were valued, but would now need to re-do fingerprinting and a background check before returning. It would seem to me that with the current shortage and if they were truly valued, they might have been sent a message prior to the year lapse to please try to sub a day, so there would be no year lapse resulting in your name	5/14/2021 10:15 PM

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being removed from the sub list. Is the District receiving State and or Federal Pandemic dollars? With students spending much less time in school, there must be savings in supplies, utilities etc. The current grading system is gives little incentive for students to excell.

37	Because I trust the board and believe in supporting public schools	5/14/2021 10:10 PM
38	Transportation is being cut to save money with shared buses which we've heard means shorter school days. You've done nothing to support social/emotional health of the children. BUUSD needs change. With such a diverse population, you'd think staff would be more aware, especially the leaders. Figure out a system to include all, provide real social/emotional support through play and communicate better with parents!	5/14/2021 9:44 PM
39	I voted yes but the schools need serious overhauling. Why does Barre need so many administrators? Why do so many kids get special education services-our percentage is WAY over the state averages. The systems are defunct and need re-vamping. Not all kids are getting a fair and equal education in our schools. Many are NOT getting their needs met. This is not okay and not a surprise that the budget continues to fail.	5/14/2021 9:42 PM
40	Remote learning showed flaws in our districts educational system. Many children with special needs were left behind and their IEPs forgotten. What have you done to earn our vote or support from us parents? All we've seen is poor communication, lack of leadership, and no interest in actually learning about how to help children succeed.	5/14/2021 9:36 PM
41	Displeased with how little school there has been. Upset over lack of creativity and open-minded thinking around getting kids back to school. Don't agree with using so much of covid-19 funding this year that next year the increase will be that much larger.	5/14/2021 9:23 PM
42	I felt the reductions that were made were fair. I felt that the staff were all coming back and that with the staff all returning that the kids should be able to progress and learn. I felt like the cuts were things that would not make a huge impact on the kids, it was fair. I want to be clear...I voted yes because I know it's the right thing to do and it is what our kids need. However, I am extremely hurt and upset about how cruel our principals and leadership in this district are. Many parents lost jobs over the lack of in person school. There were no YMCA or daycares. Kids lost so much. The data shows it. Our principals in our schools lied for months. When the distance was changed right before school started and kids could be 3-6ft our principals sat in many meetings and stated they couldn't fit the kids in the school more than two days. They refused to move them below 6ft. They refused even though parents cried out, kids were crying, kids were a mess. And then in January....magically there was room and it was ok to be 3 ft apart. If I had a magic wand, I'd fire the entire leadership team. I feel like we need a fresh start, new eyes, out side the box thinkers. We need kids in school learning. Our admin team should be ashamed of themselves. I hope that we select a strong superintendent who is NEW to our community. I want that admin team working hard at making changes. I want them to be held accountable for monitoring progress and moving kids forward academically. I want a strong leader to come in and make significant changes and think outside the box. I want kids to learn, gain social skills and love learning. Catching them up next year will be very hard on many children emotionally. I am very concerned about Barre's future.	5/14/2021 9:13 PM
43	Budget still too high, especially for poor services given to our students.	5/14/2021 9:13 PM
44	The quality of the service provided is in adequate. Not worth the investment.	5/14/2021 8:58 PM
45	The budget for education needs to be increased. It is embarrassing how little BUUSD spends on the kids.	5/14/2021 8:57 PM
46	I value education and the students, teachers, and administrators in our community. We need a strong educational system to attract new people and families to our community.	5/14/2021 8:29 PM
47	I'm not a US citizen.	5/14/2021 8:10 PM
48	Was recovering from surgery and didn't vote.	5/14/2021 8:07 PM
49	We have not seen the savings promised from the merger. We were sold the merger on the basis of savings but the school taxes continue to rise well beyond the rate of inflation each year.	5/14/2021 7:40 PM
50	Way to top heavy. The Central Office has way to many staff. Kids weren't even in school 50% of time. Extremely poor management at all levels. If the average person knew how little most people work, they would have Voted no also!	5/14/2021 7:38 PM

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51	I believe the school board has worked hard to present the best budget possible. I don't think the average citizen understands how much of the costs are mandated by state or federal law.	5/14/2021 7:04 PM
52	The district needs to be competitive with neighboring districts in order to get and keep qualified employees.	5/14/2021 6:54 PM
53	Education in Barre is important to me	5/14/2021 6:36 PM
54	Out of town unexpectedly on day of vote.	5/14/2021 6:27 PM
55	High quality school, dedicated teachers	5/14/2021 6:25 PM
56	I vote for the budget because I trust those that create the budget know what is needed.	5/14/2021 6:24 PM
57	I always vote the school budget. I trust the board to present a reasonable budget. Anecdotaly, I know people who voted the budget down because they were furious about school not being in-person.	5/14/2021 6:19 PM
58	There is no reason to keep having the budget go up every year, most people do not get a raise and pay way more for their health insurance than the teachers do, we have to live within a budget and the school needs to as well.	5/14/2021 6:09 PM
59	Because I received the confirmation I needed that full-time school will resume in the fall	5/14/2021 6:01 PM
60	There are too many administrators in the schools. The teachers should be paid more, coming from the salaries of the extra administrators. The schools do not need more money, they need to start using the money they have responsibly. Many, many school districts are refunding property taxes this year because operating costs for the districts have been way down due to remote schooling and hybrid schooling. What did BUUSD do differently that responsibly justifies a) not refunding a portion of taxes for this year, or b) not having extra from this year to carry over into next year/purchase durable good needed next year. I can so no fiscally responsible justification. It definitely seems that if our district were being responsible with their finances they would not need to increase taxes, especially this year.	5/14/2021 5:44 PM
61	1) I have seen news of school districts across the country issuing refunds because expenses were so low during the COVID stay from home period. I don't see why our school district needs more money when many have extra. If the response is that the administrators and teachers had to be paid, I disagree; with school remote, most of the teachers and administrators should have been furloughed like was the case in many industries. The schools of course would have needed to be maintained, but at a fraction of the normal cost. Costs should have been so low that there should be almost no need for additional money this year. I could see there being an exception if the schools needed much waited for renovations etc. which drained the excess funds, but I should have heard about it and I haven't. 2) I don't see what the school district has done to earn a raise. Our kids got almost nothing even resembling an education while attending remotely. If I want a raise, I have to earn it; I can't just say that I "need" more money. The school district should have to earn it's raises as well. If anything, it deserves a significant pay cut. 3) The previous budget was far too high. We are paying far too much for administrators and other needless expenses. The school district should be able to easily provide an education for our students for <\$10k/student. I would happily vote for a \$10k/student budget. If you would like to convince me to vote for more, I need justification. This is money that could be going into my and other citizen's retirement accounts, college tuition, etc. Yes, our children's K-12 education is important, but it needs to be done with fiscal responsibility. I understand that many people prioritize all the spending on non-necessary stuff like administrators and extracurricular events and sports, technology, etc., but what matters is that our kids learn how to learn and think, and know how to do their reading, writing, and arithmetic and related, not that they have a great time or have fun. Families should be expected to be the primary drivers' of their children's education. The school district should not be providing that, but should be a place for the kids to go to learn.	5/14/2021 5:43 PM
62	The system as a whole has been broken for years. Teachers are there for the money not the kids as they claim. The union is ruining their reputation with the public.	5/14/2021 5:43 PM
63	Prior to the Act 46 consolidation, our community fully supported our school, and was proud of the high level of support and education the students received. The changes that have evolved as a result of consolidating have greatly impacted the community and our school in a negative manner. The tax payers/community's voice is continually disregarded! We want our schools back! Budget cuts? Look at Central Office! Compare the number of employees prior to Act 46 to where it is now. Our schools are being managed as a corporation, not a "home" for educating	5/14/2021 5:37 PM

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our students. Listen to the community! Passing budgets prior to Act 46 were not an issue! If voices continue to be disregarded, passing budgets will continue to be a challenge. Act 46 was not the answer for our district! It destroyed it!

64	Ask to much from the tax payer.	5/14/2021 5:36 PM
65	Too much money for an overburden of administrators.	5/14/2021 5:31 PM
66	It went up a lot last year and then all Barre Town homes got reassessed so everyones taxes are going up from that. I don't think the school needs a bigger budget this next school year.	5/14/2021 5:20 PM
67	Outrageous increase, get real	5/14/2021 5:08 PM
68	Always support the school budget.	5/14/2021 5:07 PM
69	Too high an increase following a very high increase last year.	5/14/2021 5:06 PM
70	I believe our students and teachers deserve the best! We should not be proud to be one of the lowest cost per pupil in the state!	5/14/2021 5:04 PM
71	The percent increase was too large. Comments by the school board that the original no vote was punishment for covid restrictions were irresponsible. I don't even have children, I'm subsidizing other families including extracurricular entertainment. Note the city budget and career center budgets passed with reasonable increases. Raiding rainy day funds? You didn't try on round 2. A slightly better budget would have gotten 13 more votes.	5/14/2021 5:00 PM
72	I thought it was a reasonable budget. The criticisms have been vague and the same old stuff. Cutting staff or not filling vacancies is not so easy as one might think. Barre's school spending is already on the lower end of school spending in Vermont. People focus too much on the tax rate and not on how much their property tax bill actually is. They also fail to account for the state income based subsidy.	5/14/2021 4:57 PM
73	Always, always approve the school budget!	5/14/2021 4:53 PM
74	The direction of the school is moving in the wrong direction, kids aren't receiving the level of education they need.	5/14/2021 4:52 PM
75	I was not able to vote	5/14/2021 4:50 PM
76	Need the school to run and be maintained.	5/14/2021 4:45 PM
77	Didn't have chance to vote. If I did I would have voted yes!	5/14/2021 3:52 PM
78	I believe the BUU is doing everything they can to provide a quality education to our students, while also trying to balance support for the staff and safety for everyone in the most cost conscious way possible.	5/14/2021 3:27 PM
79	To large of an increase	5/14/2021 3:21 PM
80	I support our school and teachers. Our students need to access to top notch education in order to achieve the academic standards they are held to. Thank you for your hard work in creating a school budget.	5/14/2021 2:37 PM
81	To ensure my children get what they need	5/14/2021 2:26 PM
82	We need a good budget to move forward with the kids education.	5/14/2021 2:22 PM
83	Because the education of our children should be our number one priority.	5/14/2021 2:19 PM
84	I think it's a reasonable amount to spend per student and already includes many cuts that were difficult	5/14/2021 1:55 PM
85	I forgot to vote	5/14/2021 1:43 PM
86	Too much money not enough school time	5/14/2021 1:42 PM
87	Because I want to support my children and the teachers at our wonderful school! Regardless of ANYTHING else, our kids and teachers deserve a yes vote.	5/14/2021 1:33 PM
88	We have a very low per pupil rate compared to other districts AND Barre also has a disproportionate number of students on IEPs that drives costs higher.	5/14/2021 1:31 PM

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89	The spending is out of control. I believe barre city and barre town schools should be separate and independent of each other!	5/14/2021 1:11 PM
90	I couldn't get there.	5/14/2021 12:51 PM
91	I voted no originally because I was unhappy with my kids not being in school. The 2nd vote I voted yes because a lot of effort was placed to get the kids back on schools daily.	5/14/2021 12:50 PM
92	Lowest per pupil spending in the state. I support our school!	5/14/2021 12:46 PM
93	I felt it was a fair number given all the extra services that were needed this past year.	5/14/2021 12:44 PM
94	I think it's ridiculous that a superintendent need be paid \$300,000 a year. That's insane. I do not want to pay for a man that sits in a chair. Cut that in half. I also don't understand why there needs to be 11% increase in funding when everyone voted yes just last year to increase funding for these schools. Barre city school spends a ridiculous amount of money, 5% more than Barre Town, on behavioral support. This is outrageous. Vermonters need to be able to afford their homes and we don't need frivolous tax increases again. Stop wasting so much money on sports. The school always delegate too much money towards sports programs and not enough money towards behavioral support so you want to increase our taxes to pay for both. Stop being the superintendent and outrageous him, stop over inflating sport spending, and focus on the bigger issues at hand which is children's mental health and behavioral support with the money you already have.	5/14/2021 12:39 PM
95	Too expensive! Unfortunately you cannot cut into the teachers contract. 70% of our budget for staffing expenses is ridiculous!	5/14/2021 12:28 PM
96	There was supposed to be a savings generated by merging. The budget as proposed does not reflect any savings. I'm tired of hearing that BUUSD per pupil costs are low; SHS doesn't provide busing so it's not an apples to apples comparison. Plus, BUUSD has failed the students during this pandemic and has proven they are more interested in fighting for raises than fighting for what is best for students. The BTMES principals need to be replaced immediately. They are not quality Administrators, are unprofessional, have misled the school board, Superintendent and parents and have proven they do not have the best interests of the students in mind. BTMES needs a full overhaul of their Administration.	5/14/2021 12:26 PM
97	I am very disappointed with the school district. From the way that COVID-19 has been handled within the schools to the combining of all the schools to be ruled under one school board. I strongly disagree with the leadership and direction of the school district	5/14/2021 12:26 PM
98	I always support the school	5/14/2021 12:20 PM
99	Education is important for our children and COVID has been very tough on the school system and our children.	5/14/2021 12:17 PM
100	I voted to approve the budget because I want to support BUUSD teachers and students and I want them to have all of the supports and resources that they need for the coming school year.	5/14/2021 12:13 PM
101	Taxes are too high already. You don't understand that we can't pay more.	5/14/2021 12:09 PM
102	I am hopeful that what is asked for is needed and if that is the case then I believe our students and teachers should have what is needed for our kids to thrive	5/14/2021 12:06 PM
103	To much	5/14/2021 11:58 AM
104	Reasonable spending, reasonable increase, education is a priority	5/14/2021 11:44 AM
105	Not a registered voters, don't live in Barre, live in Orange.	5/14/2021 11:44 AM
106	I trust our administrators and school board to do the best they can for our students and our taxes. I've never voted down a school budget!!	5/14/2021 11:42 AM
107	Didn't know	5/14/2021 11:38 AM
108	Too expensive. The merger of districts was supposed to increase efficiency and cut costs.	5/14/2021 11:33 AM
109	the new figure seems high, especially when the buses were not running most of the previous year. this figure can be cut.	5/14/2021 11:30 AM
110	Honestly I forgot to vote.	5/14/2021 11:27 AM

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111	You don't want to know what I think.	5/14/2021 11:26 AM
112	I want my children to have the best academics offered to them by highly qualified teachers. I also want extracurricular activities for them, so they are involved with after school things to do (not getting into trouble).	5/14/2021 11:24 AM
113	I am also an employee but I'm not registered to vote	5/14/2021 11:23 AM
114	I don't feel that I recieve enough value for the ever increasing amount of money spent, it's traditionally one of the worst school districts in the state and no meaningful changes are ever made	5/14/2021 11:22 AM
115	because my job is one being eliminated	5/14/2021 11:19 AM
116	We don't live in Barre so we can't vote there	5/14/2021 11:18 AM
117	I believe our children and teachers deserve it	5/14/2021 11:18 AM
118	im under quarantine	5/14/2021 11:16 AM
119	For our students and teachers	5/14/2021 11:12 AM
120	Because I feel that our students need the support that is being recommended. And our student per pupil cost is one of lowest in state.	5/14/2021 11:10 AM
121	Agreed with the budget	5/14/2021 11:09 AM
122	We need to support our schools and children's future	5/14/2021 11:07 AM
123	In the hopes that a merged district can start acting like a merged one, district wide opportunities for athletic , music, drama. Better able to offer competitive salaries/health packages especially to retain qualified non-teaching positions, up keep of our schools.	5/14/2021 11:06 AM
124	I am currently injured and stuck in my apartment.	5/14/2021 11:06 AM
125	Education is priority #1 for my kids and money is needed to provide the best education.	5/14/2021 11:05 AM
126	This is my community, how cold we not support our schools??	5/14/2021 11:04 AM
127	I didn't go vote. I wish I had.	5/14/2021 11:03 AM
128	We all have budgets. We don't even have buses!!!	5/14/2021 11:00 AM
129	As a former employee and community member I am very curious where some of the funds have gone. Support staff I come is low and you claim you have a low cost per pupil which is great but when the budget is as high as it is and o have witnessed first hand how little students especially special education students get I can't reason with such a huge budget maybe the district should stop paying for teachers to get their masters and focus on the students! And the food even though it's free is no help it's cold disguising food that is worse than what is served in Vt prisons!	5/14/2021 11:00 AM
130	To costly	5/14/2021 10:57 AM
131	Our children's education is important. I trust that the budget committee did their due diligence to provide quality education at the lowest cost possible but recognize that also means the cost will go up.	5/14/2021 10:56 AM
132	Too expensive	5/14/2021 10:53 AM
133	I don't usually vote.	5/14/2021 10:52 AM
134	Because education matters, and I trust those who developed the budget to present a budget that is as slim as possible while also providing high quality education.	5/14/2021 10:51 AM
135	I am a community member, a teacher and a parent. I believe in our students. I believe in our schools. I believe in our teachers. We need to give our students a competitive educational edge. We need to treat teachers like the professionals they are. We need to maintain staffing in our buildings. Being a low-spending district isn't really something to be proud of. The pandemic has been traumatizing for people in so many ways. It revealed many problems that have been simmering below the surface for a very long time. The schools are being unfairly blamed for many of society's ills. I believe the budget failure is simply a case of sour grapes. People are mad, and they need a place to direct their anger. Unfortunately, they are cutting off	5/14/2021 10:50 AM



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their noses to spite their faces. This is not a numbers problem, it's a perception and misinformation problem. It's a lose-lose situation, and the kids are the ones who will pay the price. I will always vote "Yes" on the school budget, because the investment in our kids and their future is important. We love Barre schools. <3

136	We always vote to approve the budget. The school needs money to support the students and the staff.	5/14/2021 10:48 AM
137	I have seen very little communication (actually none I can think of) about plans for next year. Are students back full time? What is the goal or thinking at least, knowing that it is very hard to plan 100%. How will gaps due to missed time be addressed? How are any federal funds which have come into the state going to be used and how can that impact our budget? What is happening with the superintendent leaving? How is the supervisory union going to do better in communicating to parents?	5/14/2021 10:48 AM
138	I feel our taxes are to high and we need to think about ways to reduce the burden on taxpayers. I also feel the way remote learning was organized hurt the scholars.	5/14/2021 10:47 AM
139	I believe that our students deserve the best education that they can get. This obviously means employing highly qualified staff.	5/14/2021 10:46 AM
140	Was an extremely busy day, and couldn't make it to vote	5/14/2021 10:42 AM
141	Our kids rely on the budget to get what they need from our educators and our School District	5/14/2021 10:42 AM
142	Barre schools have provided less educational time than all of the surrounding districts however have far outspent other districts despite the huge amount of cares money. Perhaps the BUUSD should be looking at taking tips on financial management from Washington Central.	5/14/2021 10:40 AM
143	I was out of town and didn't vote.	5/14/2021 10:38 AM
144	We need to support our students and move forward.	5/14/2021 10:35 AM
145	I think it's important for the schools to have full funding. I have four students in the Barre school system	5/14/2021 10:32 AM
146	This is to benefit our students!	5/14/2021 10:32 AM
147	I didn't vote	5/14/2021 10:32 AM
148	Mother was a teacher and I will always vote for a school budget.	5/14/2021 10:31 AM
149	I trust the school to know what is needed for my children's learning	5/14/2021 10:30 AM
150	I voted no because (a) you did a very poor job of getting kids in school in FY21 and I think you took advantage of parents (b) I feel you are not being honest with your figures (ie: how you are spending Covid \$\$ and "cuts" 0 (c) the budget should not be going up - it should be level funded at most. Staff did not earn a raise and all other budgets in region were either level funded or down. (d) your use of fund balance to lower tax rate is a short term solution that will result in long term problems.	5/14/2021 10:26 AM
151	i did not vote	5/14/2021 10:26 AM
152	Didn't vote	5/14/2021 10:24 AM
153	I am a tax payer, City school employee and a city school parent. I want my son and students to receive the best education and the budget we voted on was one that was sustainable. The municipal budget is the one that needs to be less because that tax bill is far more than the school tax bill.	5/14/2021 10:22 AM
154	I have 3 kids in school	5/14/2021 10:22 AM
155	Regrettably, yes. I think it's still trending too high, but I don't want the children to suffer as a result of a 'no' vote.	5/14/2021 10:21 AM
156	I was tied up at work and could not get there I vote regularly	5/14/2021 10:21 AM
157	I cannot vote	5/14/2021 10:21 AM
158	I didn't know there was a vote. I got no notice about it from the school.	5/14/2021 10:19 AM
159	to support our children and their future. They don't deserve a minimalist school with little	5/14/2021 10:18 AM

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	offerings.	
160	Because we already spend less per pupil than most districts and our programs continue to get cut.	5/14/2021 10:17 AM
161	Too much spent on SPED but not near enough spent on STEM classes and resources. College prep is very weak and desperately needs reconstruction. Some athletic programs are simply not competitive. Principal at Spaulding is out of touch with parents and students.	5/14/2021 10:16 AM
162	Completely forgot.	5/14/2021 10:15 AM
163	I did not vote in the election	5/14/2021 10:15 AM
164	I want the best possible education for my child and all children of Barre.	5/14/2021 10:15 AM
165	way too much money the tax increase last year was way too much to	5/14/2021 10:14 AM
166	I feel it's important to provide the resources for our kids to thrive.	5/14/2021 10:14 AM
167	our students matter	5/14/2021 10:12 AM
168	It's ridiculous. Tax increases as well as we pay for often books, supplies, etc. - you supplied a electronic device that we didn't happen to need but think we a great idea for kids that did but now the budget remains increasing high and building updates at Spaulding don't get done and they want money for the Barre city Elm. but the town school has kept up on their premises why couldn't they. They should have had more tax dollars before this merger. None of this budget makes sense. and we never see actual use to help the buildings or the kids. We don't need outside class rooms. we need them in school like normal. Less on adding technology not needed, stick to some basics and teach them to write again. Coming from a parent who has kids go thru this school system with great grades to go on and realize in further education they don't write good enough to have passed and have to have assistance in college level. Try teaching with paper and books again and see if money can be spent on improving building and fields and providing more options.	5/14/2021 10:12 AM
169	Because my children attend and I want what's best for them.	5/14/2021 10:11 AM
170	I want the schools to continue to be able to provide the best education and support to my children.	5/14/2021 10:11 AM
171	BUUSD needs to be proactive not reactive. Be a leader in going back to school - not a laggard.	5/14/2021 10:11 AM
172	I believe in supporting our schools, supplying the necessary funding to effectively educate our children. I will always support the school budget over cuts to a system that already faces funding challenges. Being the lowest spending district per pupil is not something we should be hanging out hat on. This means that other districts have more to offer their students...what are our kids missing out on that they could and should have access to because we operate with a leaner budget than most Vermont School districts? I'm not sure how we expect our children to be "college and career ready" when we don't support the funding of their education. This directly impacts our community. We need to fund our future.	5/14/2021 10:11 AM
173	I think it is important to support our schools.	5/14/2021 10:10 AM
174	To approve the school budget	5/14/2021 10:09 AM
175	Schools inability to use the facilities and resources they currently have efficiently	5/14/2021 10:09 AM
176	Because Education is worth the investment and fixed costs rise from year to year.	5/14/2021 10:09 AM
177	I fully understand the needs of our students. What I have heard from other parents who voted no is that they are frustrated with the number of administrators we have in the only building that has no students. The forced merger was supposed to save money but we keep adding position to the supervisory union office. Cut some of those positions, invest in the buildings that our students are in. The merger has been nothing but a huge financial drain, no real cost savings.	5/14/2021 10:09 AM
178	I do not believe the board has listen to the voters on making cuts. You should not use one time funds to say you reduced the budget. That fixes it for one year only. The one time monies should be used for future technology or infrastructure improvements for continue remote learning. Not just for the pandemic, which will go away, but the cold and flu season, etc. I believe the board was short sighted going for the easy fix. That said, the board could have	5/14/2021 10:08 AM



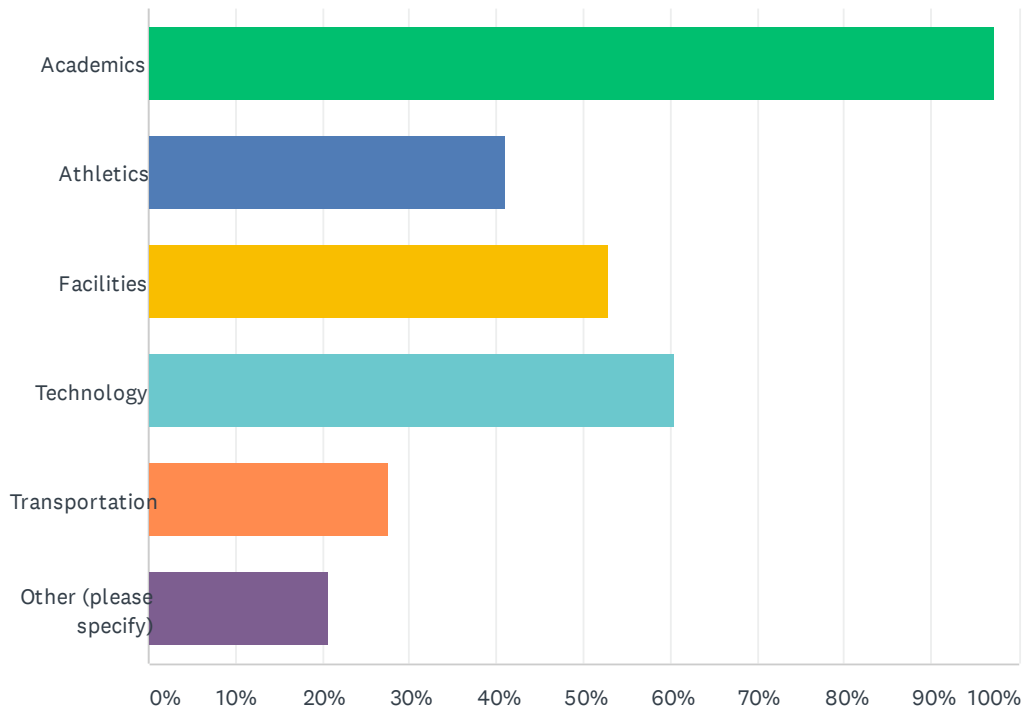
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provided a list of all the bad things/cuts that would be needed to reduce the cost and then show how using one time monies was the best way to go. The board has a job to produce the best budget for all and they failed.

179	I feel it is top heavy and not geared toward direct student education and catch up needed from the last 16 months.	5/14/2021 10:08 AM
180	I believe that better can be done.	5/14/2021 10:08 AM
181	I support our schools and understand the budgeting process. We weren't presented with a budget full of easily trimmable fat.	5/14/2021 10:07 AM
182	Honestly because this year and the education my kids are getting is horrible compared to other schools and other parents I have talked to.	5/14/2021 10:07 AM
183	After being ignored three times on the merger vote, and then being left out to dry by the BUUSD this school year, I will never vote yes for a budget again. I am now incurring the cost to send my kids to private school.	5/14/2021 10:07 AM
184	I am not a registered voter	5/14/2021 10:07 AM
185	For the vocational programs and so that the paraprofessional staff that makes \$17,000 a year doesn't have a increase in their insurance	5/14/2021 10:06 AM
186	Because our kids matter, and so do their teachers. We have one of the lowest per-pupil spending rates in the area. Schools ask for what they need, to give their best to everyone. Why hinder that?	5/14/2021 10:06 AM
187	Too much spending, areas need to be scaled back, not just throwing more money at the problem. For a "partial" school year, I don't see how spending MORE makes any sense.	5/14/2021 10:06 AM
188	Didnt vote at all	5/14/2021 10:05 AM
189	Education is important and meeting the needs of this population cannot be done by decreasing funding. This community has taken a toxic turn against educators. It's difficult seeing/hearing people with little education, little respect for education, and little respect for teachers and administrators being the squeaky wheels derailing our schools.	5/14/2021 10:04 AM
190	I believe we should support our school, especially in such a difficult time.	5/14/2021 10:03 AM
191	My children's education is very important to me so I will always pass it!	5/14/2021 10:03 AM
192	I agree with it and realize that it is for the entire District not just one school.	5/14/2021 10:03 AM
193	I want to see a break down of this ridiculous amount of money and where its expected to be spent and how. 50mil ? Really?	5/14/2021 10:03 AM
194	As a parent AND teacher in BUUSD I think proper funding is ESSENTIAL	5/14/2021 10:03 AM
195	I was home with my kids all day since they had to be remote	5/14/2021 10:03 AM
196	Missed it	5/14/2021 10:02 AM

## Q4 From the following areas of our school system, please choose 3 that are most important to you, in no particular order.

Answered: 261 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Academics	97.32%	254
Athletics	41.00%	107
Facilities	52.87%	138
Technology	60.54%	158
Transportation	27.59%	72
Other (please specify)	20.69%	54
Total Respondents: 261		

COVID-19 GRANTS/Period of Performance	ALLOCATION	EXPENSES TO DATE	BUUSD (Proposed) USE OF FUNDS
CRF EQUIPMENT-Sunset Dec. 30, 2020	\$235,441	\$235,441	New Kitchen Equipment for BT, BC, SHS/CVCC  New Water Heater, Refrigeration Units, Coolers, Meat Slicers, Kettle/Steamers, Meal Packaging Units
CRF LEA-Sunset Dec. 30, 2020	\$1,066,500	\$1,066,500	Salaries/Wages for replacement staff, custodial services, PPE supplies/equipment, chromebooks/supplies to support remote learning, PD for remote Learning, maintenance/sanitation supplies, Covid Coordination, Furniture for social distancing (desks/chairs etc.) Food Service Supplies, etc
CRF SUMMER FOOD	\$9,617	\$9,617	Supplies/Equipment to Support Meal Deliveries to Students While in Remote Status March'20 – Aug'20
GEER- July 2020 - Sept 2022	\$339,639	\$336,008	Technology/Software/Equipment/Supplies needed for all programs to ensure compliance with CDC guidelines and support multiple delivery models for career and tech education, Online admissions software to eliminate in person registration, etc.

## COVID-19 FUNDING - May 18, 2021

ESSER I-Sept. 30, 2023	\$1,006,964.00	\$665,316.65	Salaries/Wages for replacement staff (due to VA), custodial services, PPE supplies/equipment, chromebooks/supplies to support remote learning, PD for remote Learning, Promethean boards, maintenance/sanitation supplies, Furniture for social distancing (desk/chairs), Covid Coordination, Food Service Supplies
ESSER II-Sept. 30, 2023	\$4,673,890	Pending approval of Recovery Plan	Summer/Afterschool programs, Updating and Upgrading Technology, Provide additional student supports (math/literacy instruction, paraprofessionals, transportation, Therapist), Acquiring new property, Updating facilities, Professional development for staff, Curriculum improvements
ARP ESSER III-Sept. 30, 2024	\$10,495,696	Pending approval of Plan, Must include "meaningful consultation with all stakeholders."	