

Vote Before Vacation!

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Call **802-479-9391** or go to **mvp.vermont.gov** to request a ballot to be mailed to you.

Tuesday, March 1, 2022
7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Barre Municipal Auditorium
or Barre Town School

Understanding The Ballot When You Vote

BALLOT

Shall the voters of the Barre Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend **\$53,254,319**, 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 \$16,252 **per equalized pupil**. This projected spending per equalized pupil is **5.99% higher** than spending for the current year.

When calculating spending per student, Vermont uses "equalized pupils" rather than an actual headcount. The formula gives less weight to pre-kindergarten pupils and extra weight to students in secondary schools, those from economically deprived backgrounds, and those whose first language is not English. The principle behind the weighting is that it costs more to educate students in certain categories.

\$53,254,319 includes approximately \$6,000,000 of grant funding. This funding operates two elementary and middle schools, a high school, an alternative school, and a central office. This value provides economical and quality education for approximately 2,300 students.

Your educational taxes are **not** going up **5.99%**. 5.99% is the percentage increase in spending per student from FY 2022. Our expenses are only increasing by **1.95%**, but because of lower tax rates, **educational taxes are actually going down**, as you can see below.

HOW WOULD THIS PROPOSED BUDGET AFFECT YOU?



If your household makes **less than** \$136,900

Household Income	FY 2022 Taxes Current Year	FY 2023 Taxes Proposed Budget	Annual Difference
\$50,000	\$1,100	\$1,050	-\$50
\$60,000	\$1,320	\$1,260	-\$60
\$70,000	\$1,540	\$1,470	-\$70
\$80,000	\$1,760	\$1,680	-\$80
\$90,000	\$1,980	\$1,890	-\$90
\$100,000	\$2,200	\$2,100	-\$100
\$110,000	\$2,420	\$2,310	-\$110



If your household makes **more than** \$136,900

Property Value	FY 2022 Taxes Current Year		FY 2023 Taxes Proposed Budget		Annual Difference	
\$100,000	\$1,426	\$1,228	\$1,357	\$1,210	-\$69	-\$18
\$150,000	\$2,139	\$1,842	\$2,036	\$1,815	-\$103	-\$27
\$200,000	\$2,852	\$2,456	\$2,714	\$2,420	-\$138	-\$36
\$250,000	\$3,565	\$3,070	\$3,393	\$3,025	-\$172	-\$45
\$300,000	\$4,278	\$3,684	\$4,071	\$3,630	-\$207	-\$54
\$350,000	\$4,991	\$4,298	\$4,750	\$4,235	-\$241	-\$63
\$400,000	\$5,704	\$4,912	\$5,428	\$4,840	-\$276	-\$72

The figures listed in these charts represent VT educational taxes.

Barre City =

Barre Town =

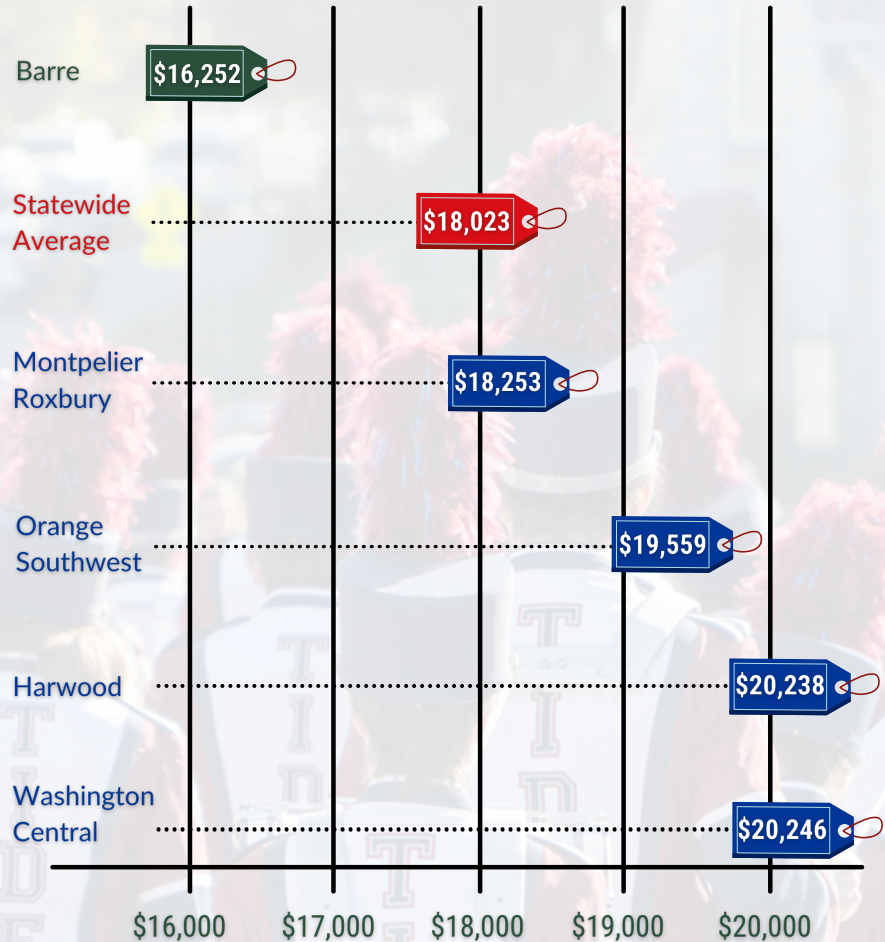
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On January 13, the Barre Unified Union School District Board approved a budget of \$53,254,319 for fiscal year 2023. This represents an increase of **1.95%** over the current year's spending plan. Approval of this budget by voters would give us the resources we need to address our children's social emotional well-being, how they will learn coming out of the pandemic, and keep and attract high-quality staff for our schools.

Please take a look to the right at how our student spending compares to our neighbors. Our budget is clearly a step in the right direction toward addressing the imbalance you see in student spending in our region.



SPENDING PER EQUALIZED PUPIL BY DISTRICT



HOW DOES INCOME SENSITIVITY WORK?

Income sensitivity is a form of tax assistance which allows homeowners to pay property taxes based on their income, rather than the value of their home.



Approximately **66%** of Barre households make less than \$136,900 a year and meet eligibility requirements to qualify for a property tax credit. This allows them to pay their taxes based on their household income, instead of the value of their home.

Visit tax.vermont.gov/property/tax-credit or scan the QR code to the right for more information.



THE BOTTOM LINE

Given the unprecedented challenges our schools are facing now and in the future, we are proud to present a budget that is fiscally responsible and meets the needs of our students. Barre has historically had the lowest per-student spending in the region by far, and we are proud to begin addressing this gap in the best interests of the children of Barre. **The bottom line is that our community will still be looking at lower educational taxes this year because of our efforts.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!