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As responsible stewards of your regional vocational-technical school system, we express sincere appreciation on behalf of the District School Committee for entrusting us to oversee and protect your investment. Thanks to your continued support, we have the means to carry out our mission.

At BVT, we create a positive learning community that prepares our students for personal and professional success in an internationally competitive society through a fusion of rigorous vocational, technical, and academic skills. All paths are worth exploring, and we take immense pride in seeing our students and alums, who are a testament to your support, take what they have learned and find their true passion and purpose in their professional careers.

Therefore, our FY24 annual report goes beyond the facts and figures of our operation to illustrate how the budget is maximized and used to prepare our students to be career- and life-ready by the time they graduate. We share their success and achievement as evidence of a positive return on your thoughtful investment.

When it comes to launching careers, finding one's true passion and purpose is a process for some people, while others know precisely the path they want to explore from an early age. We invite you to turn the page to learn how one of our alums, Tom Kuik (Electrical, Class of 1982), discovered his true passion by looking to his past, following a childhood curiosity, paying attention to what he finds engaging, consistently strengthening his

technical skills, and ultimately shaping a successful career — all while staying current.

Safeguarding the future begins with preserving the past and nurturing the present. At BVT, we hold this principle dear. We hope you join us in seeing the value in the lessons from our past, present, and future. As our graduates share their craft and passion for their trade, they pass on the foundation for future career success, and ultimately their legacy, from generation to generation. The knowledge, skill, and mastery of our trained tradespeople are awe-inspiring and in demand.

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Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick Superintendent-Director





Tom Kuik

GENERATION TO GENERATION

It's always awe-inspiring to see one of our alums master their trade, take an apprentice under their wing, and help them launch their career. Learn how Tom Kuik (Electrical, Class of 1982) discovered his true passion by looking to his past, following a childhood curiosity, paying attention, learning from those who came before him, and ultimately shaping a successful career — generations to generations of tradespeople would be proud of.

Tom was an inquisitive child, curious about the world around him and eager to understand how things worked. "My parents had to keep a close eye on me," said Tom. "I was always interested in wires and switches. I was drawn to the electrical outlets in the house and was known to pull out the power plug to take a closer look. They actually have a picture of me as a little kid examining the plug and outlet. But to their credit, they saw something in me, and I have them to thank for nurturing that burning curiosity, which has led me to where I am today."

Growing up in the Blackstone Valley, Tom attended Whitinsville Christian School,

in Northbridge before attending BVT. "There were no tradespeople in my immediate family," said Tom. "My father was a truck driver, and my mother was a stay-at-home mom. I was not an academic scholar by any means. Reading books was challenging, and I struggled with book reports. But I did have a knack for hands-on learning and figuring things out. I had a cousin who attended BVT, and I was genuinely interested when I realized it was an option for me."

"The first day I arrived at BVT in1978, I remember being scared," shared Tom. "I went from a class of 16 to a couple of hundred kids from different towns; it was intimidating. I'm sure it was

for all of us. But I found like-minded students, settled into my first-choice shop, Electrical, and even made the honor roll a few times."

"I didn't appreciate it then as much as I do now, but looking back, I owe a lot to my shop teachers - Hank Nydam and Bob Belland. They were great guys who went out of their way to take me under their wing, helping me find my way and teaching me the fundamentals of the electrical trade," said Tom. "They had all this incredible knowledge that they passed on to me. This foundational knowledge has served me well; I use it daily and feel it is only right to pass it on to others."

While at BVT, Tom learned about residential wiring and motor control. He also participated in the Cooperative Education (Co-Op) program which still allows students to start working in a professional environment. Tom's Co-Op employer was Safety Signal, a residential and commercial security system supplier in Millis.

"I learned how to fish wire and install burglar and fire alarms. I appreciated the opportunity and real-world experience that prepared me to enter the workforce with them as a full-time employee immediately after high school."

After being laid off from the alarm company, Tom found a job with another BVT alum, John Stratton (*Electrical*, *Class of 1972*), a full-service master electrician at Stratton Electric Company in Uxbridge. "I had always wanted to work for an electrician," said Tom. "I worked for John for four years, and it was an incredible experience. He taught me about the electrical field, modeled a good work ethic, and the confidence and credentials to start my own company."

Tom worked independently and, in 1987, opened his own electrical contracting company. Today, Kuik Electric in Uxbridge is a family-owned and operated business that provides friendly, reliable service to residential,

commercial, and retail clients. Their expertise also extends to installing and monitoring fire alarm systems for commercial buildings. Tom obtained his Journeyman's license in 1985 and became a master electrician in 2000. He has enjoyed teaching his son, Connor, the electrical trade.

"It's good to give back to the community," said Tom, who has a soft spot for his origins and pride in his vocational training. A few years ago, Tom offered to purchase the materials and install light plugs on the ornamental lamp posts to support larger, brighter lights along Church Street in Whitinsville from Memorial Square to St. Patrick's Church. He enjoyed working with others to bring a festive feeling to the downtown area during the holiday season.

GENERATION TO GENERATION

Mentoring the Next Generation

The Kuik's take pride in their work and mentoring the next generation of skilled tradespeople. "We don't have enough people in this trade or any of the trades," said Tom. "Over the years, we've worked with Co-Op students, recently Julia Saksa (Electrical, Class of 2024), joined us during her senior year. She has a great work ethic, an eye for detail, and good people skills."

Tom has come full circle and now mentors others interested in a lucrative career in the electrical trade. While on Co-Op, Julia had a unique opportunity to work with Tom on a special project for the Northbridge Fire Department, which involved repairing and rewiring an antique fire alarm control panel, a crucial component of the fire alarm system.

The control panel is a large, heavy metal panel with 58 street names painted onto a pane of glass that covers a corresponding light bulb. Though primitive compared to the newer fire alarm control panels made today, these older control panels have stood the test of time.

The successful restoration is a testament to the fire department's commitment to preserving our shared history and maintaining historic fire safety equipment for the town of Northbridge.

Women at Work

"Having worked in a male-dominated field, I see more female tradespeople on job sites now, which is great," said Tom. "We notice that our residential customers are more comfortable when Julia is with us. We are happy that she has

agreed to continue working with us after she graduates as an apprentice electrician and will work towards a Journeyman's license. As a female in the electrical trade, I think Julia has the skills for a successful career. There's also job security — customers always need skilled trade professionals to install and service electrical systems in their homes and businesses."





Real-World Experience

The Cooperative Education (Co-Op) program at BVT is an ideal opportunity for our highly motivated students eager to begin working within a professional environment. For most, it is that first "real" full-time job where they simultaneously get their feet wet in the industry of their trade while showing off the skills they learned in their vocational shop. It is a tradition and opportunity that is part of the upperclassman experience.

We're proud to have had 167 members of the Class of 2024 placed on Co-Op during their BVT career. These students chose to use their vocational training and academic education to contribute to the local workforce and gain

valuable real-world experience. In turn, the Co-Op experience brought young talent to 120 area companies looking for a cost-effective, low-risk way to evaluate and tap into emerging talent. When hiring a BVT graduate, these industry leaders know they gain a well-educated, talented, and hard-working employee with an invaluable perspective and skill set.

We all benefit from an educated workforce, which is one of the reasons we're dedicated to helping our students become career- and lifeready. What each graduate chooses to do next with their dual high school education is entirely up to them.

But we know that their collective impact, which is already impressive, will be immense. We cannot wait to see what they do next!

The Class of 2024 Co-Op data is a testament to our students' dedication and hard work: an impressive \$1,075,173.73 in pay and 65.027 hours worked.

The skills I learned in shop showed me what I liked about the industry.

- Kindred Cain, Cosmetology. Studied at Center Avida, Esthetician Licensure and working at Massage Envy, Esthetician.

Class of 2024: 167 Students on Co-Op

Months	Hours	Pay Students		Employers	
April (2023)	386	\$6,471.00	6	5	
May	1,282	\$19,637.00	23	20	
June	548	\$8,279.66	28	24	
August/September	6,305	\$106,991.75	92	78	
October	5,997	\$102,813.50	109	90	
November	7,102	\$108,141.18	118	101	
December	8,461	\$142,164.55	124	106	
January (2024)	8,610	\$142,682.60	132	109	
February	7,485	\$121,979.46	133	116	
March	8,727	\$143,611.99	137	117	
April	3,853	\$65,169.32	142	120	
May	6,271	\$107,231.72	142	120	
Total	65,027	\$1,075,173.73	167	120	

benefiting from a career & life-ready BVT education...

Shop honed my communication skills with patients and working cooperatively as a team.

> Madelyn Hill, Health Services. and working at VNA of Rhode Island.

Shop skills allowed me to enter the workforce directly.

- Tyler Serafin, Electrical. Apprenticeship Program, Electrical at Santon Plumbing & Heating, Electrical Technician.

The technical skills I learned in shop helped me excel in college and the workplace. Co-Op gave me a clear understanding of the workplace well before I graduated college. Career Enrichment gave me resume and cover letter skills.

- Jonathan Lynch, Engineering & Robotics. Studied at UMass Amherst, Mechanical Engineering

education

Celebrating Our Seniors

Spring is a bittersweet time for our seniors their high school careers. The Class of 2024 cherished every moment they had together

as they prepare to graduate and conclude leading up to the commencement. See how we celebrated our seniors and their many accomplishments:

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Senior Class Day

This ceremony included Academic and Vocational Awards, Attendance Awards, Yearbook Dedication, Class Officer, and Commendation recognition for the Class of 2024.

Career Signing Day

Our Cooperative Education Program (Co-Op) held its fourth annual Career Signing Day on May 17th. The event celebrated the achievements of our senior Co-Op and career placement students. Students announced their career plans during the ceremony and signed a commitment letter to work with their employer after graduation.

Class of 2024 Scholarship Night

The generous donation of scholarships and awards makes a difference in the lives of our graduates. At the Senior Memorial Scholarship Night on May 28th, we thanked our donors for their generosity and continued partnership in support of our future graduates, and we distributed community, memorial, and military awards. These scholarships and awards helps propel our graduates toward a bright future.

From their first day of school, I encouraged this class to put their best effort into their work, work their hardest, and to leave BVT just a little bit better than they found it. The Class of 2024 met that challenge and then some. They have been outstanding stewards of their school, and after tonight, I do not doubt that they will carry that torch as BVT alumni.

 Anthony E. Steele II, Assistant Superintendent-Director/Principal

Class of 2024 Commencement Ceremony

The Class of 2024 Commencement Ceremony was held at the Hanover Theatre & Conservatory for the Performing Arts in Worcester on May 30th. The evening ceremony celebrated the accomplishments of our newest graduates with all the pomp and pageantry they deserve.

CAREER & LIFE READY

- CLASS OF 2023 ———

-CLASS OF 2024 —



POSTSECONDARY PATHS

GRADUATES

GRADUATES

College is a continuation of learning. Many of our students simultaneously pursue a post-secondary education while working in their vocations.

CLASS OF 2022 ———

POSTSECONDARY PATHS







Program





POSTSECONDARY PATHS



20.20% (60 students Workforce/ Apprenticeship Program

70.37% (209 students 4 Year College Tech College

6.73%

(20 students) 2 Year College/ Certificate Program

15.65% (46 students) Workforce/ Apprenticeship Program

73.47% 5.10% (216 students) (15 students) 4 Year College/ 2 Year College Tech College Certificate

18.57% (57 students) Workforce/ Apprenticeship Program

66.45% (204 students) 4 Year College/ Tech College

9.12% (28 students) 2 Year College/ Certificate Program



0% (0 students) Military 2.69% (8 students) Gap or Service Year



2.04% (6 students) Military 3.74% (11 students) Gap or Service Year



1.95% (6 students) Military 3.91% (12 students) Gap or Service Year

Tegra Medical

Victory HVAC

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Off to work they go, building credentials, pursuing industry licenses, certifications, and degrees.

Assumption University Army National Guard Barrows Contracting Inc. Bryant University Centerline Mechanical LLC Concord Electrical Supply

Dean College Dileo Gas Inc. Emmanuel College Frank I. Rounds Company General Mechanical Contractors Georgia Institute of Technology

Grieco Electric

Kuik Electric

MiltonCAT Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute RJ's Plumbing & Heating

La Mare Salon + Spa Massachusetts Maritime Academy Mass College of Art & Design

New England Institute of Technology

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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University of the Arts London

Wayne J. Griffin Electric Inc.

An Amazing Year of Accomplishments

Our students continually demonstrate mastery of rigorous academic studies and industry-validated vocational-technical competencies, including many accomplishments, awards, and recognitions in FY24.

During the 2023-24 school year, 228 students participated in the fall PSAT/ NMSQT and spring PSAT-10 exams. These exams designed by the College Board are an early indicator of potential student success on the SAT and in our Advanced Placement courses. We had 142 juniors with a score of 1055 on the PSAT/NMSQT, above the state average of 964, and 86 sophomores with a score of 1042 on the PSAT-10, above the state average of 1007.

In May 2024, 252 AP students took the AP College Board Exams. These traditional exams are designed for students to earn college credit for an AP course. BVT gave 418 AP exams exams in the following courses: English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, U.S. History, Biology, Chemistry, Calculus AB, Pre-calculus, Computer Science A, Physics 1, Music Theory, Psychology, and Spanish Language & Culture. Of the students who took at least one exam, 172 earned a score of 3 to 5, meaning at least 68.25% of students may have earned college credit in at least one subject area. That percentage is the highest for BVT in the past five years, up 13% over the spring of 2023.

MCAS: The Results Are In!

For the past 25 years, the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) exams have played a role in determining a student's readiness for career and college. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education released the 2023 MCAS results on September 19, 2023, providing the state with its third overview of statewide learning since the pandemic.

The data reflected the scores of the Class of 2025, who took the MCAS exam as sophomores, and the results showed improved achievement and growth. The percentages of our students were in the Exceeding or Meeting Expectations category:

- 80% of students in English Language Arts,
- 62% of students in Mathematics,
- 70% of students In Science (Biology & Physics).

All were well above the reported state averages.

25 years

BVT is proud to have an enviable history of high student growth and achievement well above the state averages.

Members of the Class of 2024 earned more than 330 scholarships and awards that exceeded

\$9 million in collective renewable value.





Partnerships: A Win-Win!

Building partnerships is not just about collaboration; it fosters innovation, communication, and connection. With a shortage of skilled technical workers and the hiring challenges that all companies face, developing mutually beneficial professional associations between our students and local companies is more than a strategy. It is a win-win for both parties - our students use their education and technical training to contribute to the organization, which gains access to a pool of talented and motivated individuals interested in advancing their professional experience.

We appreciate the local companies and industry representatives supporting vocational-technical education across the Blackstone Valley.

These Co-Ops and career opportunities make a difference in the lives of our students and our communities. We value established partnerships that make our Co-Op program possible.

Where Medical Devices Come to Life

We are proud to have established a partnership with Tegra Medical, a contract manufacturer of finished medical devices and complex components, including surgical instruments, needles, and implants.

Known as the company that brings medical devices to life, Tegra Medical is focused exclusively on the medical device industry, providing true end-to-end solutions from prototyping to full production, and from complex components to finished medical devices.

Offering a wide range of manufacturing technologies, the company creates devices used in cutting-edge procedures for leading surgical, interventional, and orthopedic companies.

Our partnership with Tegra Medical, headquartered in Franklin, MA, opens up exciting avenues for our students. It offers them opportunities to gain distinctive industry experience and insight. Through mentorships and Co-Op opportunities, our students immerse themselves in the world of medical device manufacturing.

In FY24, Tegra Medical employed ten of our Engineering & Robotics students working in various roles, such as Grinding Operator, EDM Operator I, Laser Operator, Cell Technician. Machine Operator, Document Control, and

Swiss Operator. This real-world experience is a stepping stone toward their future careers, providing them with a competitive edge when furthering their education and entering in the job market.

Like a proud parent, we're excited to receive positive feedback from our Co-Op employers. Here's what Tegra Medical says about our students...

"They are doing a great job!"

"BVT students are able to work independently."

"They picked up on our process very quickly."

"Such a pleasure to work with."

"Very attentive to training"

"Work cooperatively with their coworkers."

MEDICAL

You can't ask for better reviews than that!

It's a Golden Year for Our Students & SkillsUSA

SkillsUSA marks its golden celebration for 50 years of showcasing vocational-technical education. At its annual competition series, students test their competency by competing with each other in hands-on technical exams designed and judged by industry leaders and experts. In 2024, our students proved their technical skills are among the best in the country by earning 165 medals at the district, state, and national levels.

NATIONAL OFFICER ELECT

• Kallie Allen of Hopedale

NATIONAL VOTING DELEGATES

- · Charlotte Lewis of Uxbridge
- Elizabeth Moroz of Millbury
- Nicolette Paradis of Northbridge

All contestants who medaled of met a threshold contest score were awarded a Skills Point Certificate.

Massachusetts District V Conference 36 Gold, 27 Silver, 31 Bronze

Massachusetts State Leadership & Skills Conference 27 Gold, 23 Silver, 19 Bronze

National Leadership & Skills Conference 2 SILVER

- Skyler Robinson, Restaurant Service
- · Darshannie Francis Drackett, Health Occupations Professional Portfolio

6TH PLACE

- · Sosie DerKosrofian, Medical Terminology
- Cooper Often, Mechatronics
- Justin Fransen, Mechatronics

9TH PLACE

- Om Patel, Mobile Robotics
- Dylan Leeds, Mobile Robotics

Our Students for Environmental Action (SEA) Club educates our school community about environmental issues on campus and worldwide. The club sponsors campus-wide programs and initiatives that make BVT a greener school and increase awareness and sensitivity about our environment. Club members encourage recycling and compost initiatives, hiking trips, gardening, and holding large companies accountable for sustainable practices.

Recycle Beyond the Bag

The SEA Club asks our school community to help them in the Trex® Plastic Film Recycling Challenge. It is an annual competition where students collect and recycle as much RECYCLE INSTALL INSTAL stretchy plastic film as possible during the school year. The community joins the cause by collecting the following plastic items and having their teen put them in the recycling bins located throughout the school.

- Produce bags
- Store bags
- Ice bags
- Wood pellet bags
- Ziploc bags
- Cereal box liners

- Case overwrap
- Bread bags
- Newspaper sleeves
- Dry cleaning bags
- Bubble wrap
- Plastic e-commerce mailers

Thanks to everyone who participated in the recycling challenge this year! With your help, the club recycled and kept 1,121 pounds

of stretchy plastic out of landfills, and also won a bench made of the recycled plastic material. Keep reducing, reusing, and recycling!



Our Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA) Club serves the LGBTQ+ community on campus. It works to create a safe and inclusive environment that fosters a sense of community among students of all sexual orientations and gender identities. The club promotes the understanding of the issues facing gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and allied students. Club members and other interested students participated in the Day of Silence on April 12th. Silently and peacefully, they protested anti-lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer or questioning (LGBTQ+) bullying, harassment, and name-calling. The vow of silence represents the silence faced by LGBTQ+ people and their allies each and every day.

Celebrating Excellence The accomplishments of our students and staff included numerous awards and recognitions in FY24.

Project Lead the Way **Distinguished School**

The collective effort of our students and staff, year DISTINGUISHED after year, has resulted in BVT earning national recognition from the nonprofit organization Project Lead the Way (PLTW) for the seventh

consecutive year. We are proud to be named a 2023-24 PLTW Distinguished

School, a testament to our shared commitment and dedication.

PLTW

HIGH SCHOOL

The FIRST Judges' Award

Our Robotics Team, The Intimidators, showcased their exceptional skills and teamwork at the 2024 NE FIRST Western NE District Event in Springfield, MA. Their outstanding performance earned them the prestigious Judges' Award, a testament to their dedication and excellence. The Judges' Award is a team attribute award that recognizes a team's success in developing strong partnerships with their community, recruiting members, fundraising, and outreach efforts to spread FIRST's mission. During this competition, the judging panel decided The Intimidators unique effort, performance, and dynamics merits this recognition.

Promising Practices Award

The Promising Practices Award recognizes outstanding educators within the Blackstone Valley who demonstrate exemplary work within their district. The administrators at BVT were proud to identify English Teacher Scott Diesenhaus as the Blackstone Valley Promising Practices 2024 award recipient. Mr. Diesenhaus is a dedicated educator who has found innovative and effective ways to meet the needs of his students. His hard work, time, and dedi-

National Gold Council of Excellence

Our Student Council has been recognized as a 2024 National Gold Council of Excellence by the National Student Council for its exemplary record of leadership, service, and activities that assist the school and community. This is the sixth consecutive year our council has earned this award, and it is an honor to earn this national recognition. We thank our student council for their hard work and appreciation for strengthening our school and our communities.

Outstanding Vocational Technical Student Award

The 38th annual MAVA/MassCTE Outstanding Vocational Technical Student Awards Ceremony in Worcester. The event, co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA) and the Massachusetts Career & Technical Educators Organization (MassCTE), allows schools to recognize an exceptional student with this award. Each student recipient has excelled in their academic and career pursuits while actively engaging in service to their school and community. Sara Lewis of Bellingham, a well-rounded and dedicated student in our 2024 MAVA/MassCTE Outstanding Vocational Technical Student Award.



Community Investments

Our students participate in a diverse range of community projects each year, which provide a tangible return on investment for District residents. Their work, whether it's reconstructing a playground, creating a sign for your business, or remodeling a public building or local landmark, is a testament to our commitment to giving back. We believe in using our student's vocational training and skills to enhance the communities, and we're happy to see the positive impact it has on our residents. BVT's work on capital improvement projects throughout our 13-town District is a welcome source of financial relief for local budgets by utilizing in-house talent and resources. We provide additional savings to District residents by welcoming our stakeholders to enjoy discounted services in our student-run restaurant, salon, and design and print center. Examples of the FY24 community projects include: ly incorporated intricate State Police patches,

With A Little Help from Friends

Troopers assigned to the Massachusetts State Police Barracks in Millbury were proud to partner with our Painting & Design (P&D) Technology program. With a little help from our students, the barracks now have a fresh coat of paint.

These students did an amazing job. I could not be happier with their work. I look forward to working with BVT again in the coming school years.

Trooper Cory Hetu

Our P&D students have successfully undertaken a unique project. They meticulously painted walls, doors, windows, and garage bays, breathing new life into the barracks. Additionally, they skillfulbadges, and logos, adding an artistic touch to the building.

Partners in Preservation

One longstanding partnership we have is with the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). Together, we work towards preserving and maintaining the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camp at the Upton State Forest. The CCC Camp is a unique and historically significant site, and the last CCC Camp Headquarters Building in Massachusetts. As part of our collaborative efforts, DCR Commissioner Brian Arrigo visited the camp on May 8, 2024, to witness our students' practical engagement and deliver a brief address.

This visit highlights the importance of vocational skills-based training at the state level and supports the priorities outlined by Governor Maura Healey's administration. We are thrilled to be part of this effort and look forward to continuing our partnership with DCR to preserve these local

cultural resources for future generations.



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Reducing Costs, Maximizing Our Budget & Enhancing Education

As a regional school district, we take many steps to create a mindful and sustainable operational budget that compliments local assessments. Our proposed fiscal year 2024 (FY24) annual operating budget was advanced and approved unanimously by its 13-member town district. With the assistance of gifts, grants, private funding, and a minor increase in state aid, the District kept the budget to a 5.90% increase. Also, to help offset the state-mandated escalation of our member town's minimum contributions (4.27% in FY24), the District applied \$100,000 of its

available reserve funds to reduce the assessment impact on its municipal partners.

Our Excess & Deficiency (E&D) Funds are generated by maximizing federal, state, and local grant opportunities and pursuing donations through individual and business partnerships. The District realizes cost savings through investments in utility efficiencies, identifying and securing rebates, sound purchasing practices, and providing technical services via on-campus trade specialists and students. Each identified source provides savings that directly contribute to E&D and reflect our commitment to fiscal austerity.

The FY24 operating budget of \$29,323,858 was funded primarily by \$10,626,754 in Chapter 70 & 71 State Aid and \$18,384,104 in Total Member Assessments. BVT is a fiscally responsible partner in seeing our District towns through fiscal management, austerity, and planning by presenting a consolidated annual request to operate within the dollars requested regardless of any unforeseen variables within anticipated revenue streams.

Budgeted Revenue Required to Support Operational Expenditures

Revenue Category	FY2022	% Incr	FY2023	% Incr	FY2024	% Incr
Member Town Assessments						
Minimum Contribution	\$13,031, 695	3.62%	\$13,631,634	4.60%	\$14,213,597	4.27%
Non Net School Spending Items*	\$1,698,994		\$2,020,867		\$2,095,127	
Member Credits/Charges**	\$1,278,241		\$1,167,276		\$1,683,330	
Debt Service	\$429,850		\$408,300		\$392,050	
Total Member Assessments	\$16,438,780	4.41%	\$17,228,077	4.80%	\$18,384,104	6.71%
State Aid						
Chapter 70 – Regional Aid	\$8,228,565		\$8,564,738		\$9,194,104	
Transportation Reimbursement	\$1,271,357		\$1,312,325		\$1,432,650	
Total State Aid	\$9,499,922	0.89%	\$9,877,063	3.97%	\$10,626,754	7.05%
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Other Revenue Sources						

Other Revenue Sources						
Miscellaneous Income	\$233,000		\$360,000		\$213,000	
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$225,000		\$225,000		\$100,000	
Total Other Revenue	\$458,000	3.62%	\$585,000	27.73%	\$313,000	-86.90%
GRAND TOTALS	\$26,396,702	3.10%	\$27,690,140	4.90%	\$29,323,858	5.90%

The use of unreserved fund balance decreased by \$125,000 and other funding sources decreased by \$150,000, for total decreases of \$275,000. When offset by a slight increase of \$3,000 in investment income, net decreases in total other revenue is \$272,000, which explains the -86.90%.

the Commonwealth, embrace a skills-based hiring practice, we will collectively open more opportunities to hire, retain, and develop the diverse, skilled talent employers need to grow and thrive in regions across the state.

> Lauren Jones, Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development

^{*}Non NSS Items Include: transportation (over state aid), capital equipment, and retiree medical.

^{**}Additional assessments constitute contributions over and above the Massachusetts Department of Revenue established absolute minimum obligation (AMO) levels. The Commonwealth has acknowledged the AMO does not include all costs nor address actual inflationary expenses. Additional assessments are calculated under equalized per-student charges for all member communities.

Grants & Cost Savings for the District

With a steadfast commitment to operating with the dollars requested in our annual budget, we carry out our mission with meticulous care and prudent cost consideration. We aggressively pursue public and private grants or donations to enhance our programs and services for our students. In FY24, local assessments were complemented by nearly \$1 million in grants, private-sector support, and efficiencies, which have significantly bolstered our resources and capabilities.

We're proud to enhance our vocational, academic, and community offerings with grants that strengthen our ability to serve our students and the greater community. We continually explore and investigate self-funding options whenever feasible and affordable to address the upkeep and enhancement of our well-loved school, which houses 18 vocational shops. Each shop has state-ofthe-art tools and equipment that provide our students with industry experience and skills to prepare them for future careers in their trade.

Thanks to the funding of competitive grants, we share some examples of learning opportunities and enhancements that were made possible by:

- · Action for Healthy Kids: Healthy Meals Incentives allowed our Food Services program to upgrade the cafeteria walk-in refrigerator and meal prep workstations. The funds support training and conferences for cafeteria staff that focus on improving the nutritional quality of school meals through scratchprepared food items, recipe development, and incorporating more local foods into school meals. These efforts support our ongoing measures to fuel our students for success with high-quality breakfast and lunch offerings that are nutritious and delicious, a task we consider vital for our students' health and academic performance.
- · MetroWest Health Foundation funding will support our continued partnership with Cartwheel Care in the 2024-2025 school year. As a Cartwheel Care partner, our students have access to telehealth mental health services through our school counseling department.

- · New England School Development Council (NESDEC) funding provided an opportunity for school leaders to advance our constant improvement process with professional development focused on engagement, excellence, and strategic planning.
- Bayer Fund supported the entry fees for our robotics team to participate in the FIRST® Robotics competitions, enhancing their science and engineering skills.
- Blackstone Valley Education Foundation funded architectural/engineering ruler sets and yardsticks used by our Engineering & Robotics students.
- Member Town Cultural Councils supported our arts and cultural initiatives like Paint Night, Multicultural Festival, and a Holiday Art Show.

Grant	Amount	
Competitive Grants	_	
Action for Healthy Kids (School Meal Program)	\$65,800	
MetroWest Health Foundation (Cartwheel Care Telehealth)	\$20,000	
NESDEC (PD for School Leaders)	\$5,000	
Bayer Fund (FIRST Robotics Team 61 Competition Entry Fees)	\$3,000	
Town Cultural Councils (Multicultural Festival)	\$3,110	
$Rochester\ Institute\ of\ Technology\ (\textit{PLTW Engineering College Credit})$	\$1,500	
BVEF (Engineering Ruler Sets and Yardsticks)	\$1,000	
Town Cultural Councils (Holiday Art Show)	\$800	
Competitive Grants Subtotal	\$100,210	
State Entitlement Grants		
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Dept. of Public Health (SBHC/Milford Reg. Medical Center)	\$150,000	
Career Tech Ed. Perkins Program Improvement (Auto Tech Equip.)	\$31,830	
State Entitlement Grants Subtotal	\$181,830	

Grant	Amount
Federal Entitlement Grants	
Special Education 94-142 (IDEA)	\$353,593
Perkins V (Secondary)	\$175,650
Title I	\$40,781
Title IIA	\$15,732
IDEA Part B (Special Education Program Improvement)	\$11,314
Title IV	\$10,000
CTE Post-Secondary Programs/Perkins Reserve (PN Program)	\$4,386
Federal Entitlement Grants Subtotal	\$611,456

The District also secured substantial donations in the form of cash, tools, raw materials, and technology.

FY24 GRAND TOTAL

There are many ways to demonstrate knowledge and skills beyond college degrees, including prior learning assessment, microcredentials, apprenticeships, internships, and on-the-job experience. The state's community colleges are ready to help workers and employers alike through the Healey administration's bold new 'Lead by Example' talent initiative.

Lane Glenn, President of Northern Essex Community College

\$893,496

Our School Committee is comprised of 13 dedicated individuals, elected district-wide, with representation from each of our member towns. With many years of experience in fields ranging from business and industry to law and education, they provide invaluable expertise in overseeing operations and setting District policy.

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The success of our mission wouldn't be possible without the ongoing support of the residents and business partners of our District. Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School, based in Upton, Massachusetts, proudly serves the towns of:

Bellingham Grafton Milford Northbridge
Blackstone Hopedale Millbury Sutton
Douglas Mendon Millville Upton
Uxbridge

Thanks to support from District towns, advisory committees, business partners, and local stakeholders, Blackstone Valley Tech offers expert training in the following vocational programs:

- Advanced Manufacturing & Fabrication
- · Automotive Collision Repair & Refinishing
- Automotive Technology
- Biotechnology
- Construction Technology
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Dental Assisting
- Drafting & Design Technology
 (2-year program for Juniors and Seniors only)

- Electrical
- Electronics & Engineering Technology
- Engineering & Robotics
- Health Services
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
- Information Technology
- Multimedia Communications
- Painting & Design Technology
- Plumbing

We also offer Moonlight Programs for adult learners:

- Advanced Manufacturing Foundational Skills
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
- Practical Nursing (Post-Secondary)



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