

**Addendum
BUUSD Board
Informational Meeting
February 18, 2026**



**A rock solid education for
a lifetime of discovery.**

FY27 Budget Information Meeting

Budget Development and Board Guidance

The Budget Development Process begins in September/October with a building based meeting with the Superintendent.

In November, we ask the School Board for guidance, (refer to policy, Education Quality Standards, review school operations for efficiencies, level program or level funded budget)

FY27 School Board Guidance - Level Program Budget + Summer School

School Board Strategic Plan

Invest in staff to create the knowledge and skills to provide high quality instruction, at all levels of the organization.

Improve student learning through high quality professional development.

Use data to make informed decisions at every level of the organization.

Clear roles and responsibilities and systems to support social and emotional learning and response to behavior.

Develop and refine the multi-tiered systems of support.

Review State Mandates and Key Budget Drivers

- ❖ Insurance 7.4 BCBS/
VSBIT
- ❖ Negotiations if applicable
- ❖ Special Education contract
costs
- ❖ Transportation
- ❖ Building energy costs

Other Factors Affecting the Budget

LTWADM: Less weighted students

Grants: Reduction in projected allocations

Decision to use the District Tax Stabilization Funds \$957,000 (We decided to use \$100,000 to support summer programming)

Decision not to use Capital Improvement which is currently \$1,015,000.

BUUSD FY27 Proposed Budget Facts

What You Will See on the Ballot

BALLOT

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What is the Budget to Budget Increase?

- The increase from the FY26 budget to the proposed FY27 budget is 3.36%, an increase of \$1.8 million.
- The Per Pupil education spending has increased because of the drop in LTWADM (lost 262 weighted pupils).
- You will notice over the past 5 years, the BUUSD has experienced modest increases, however, in the state of Vermont, the per pupil spending ranges from \$10,000 to \$24,000 indicating that Barre is one of the lowest spenders.

Budget History Over Time

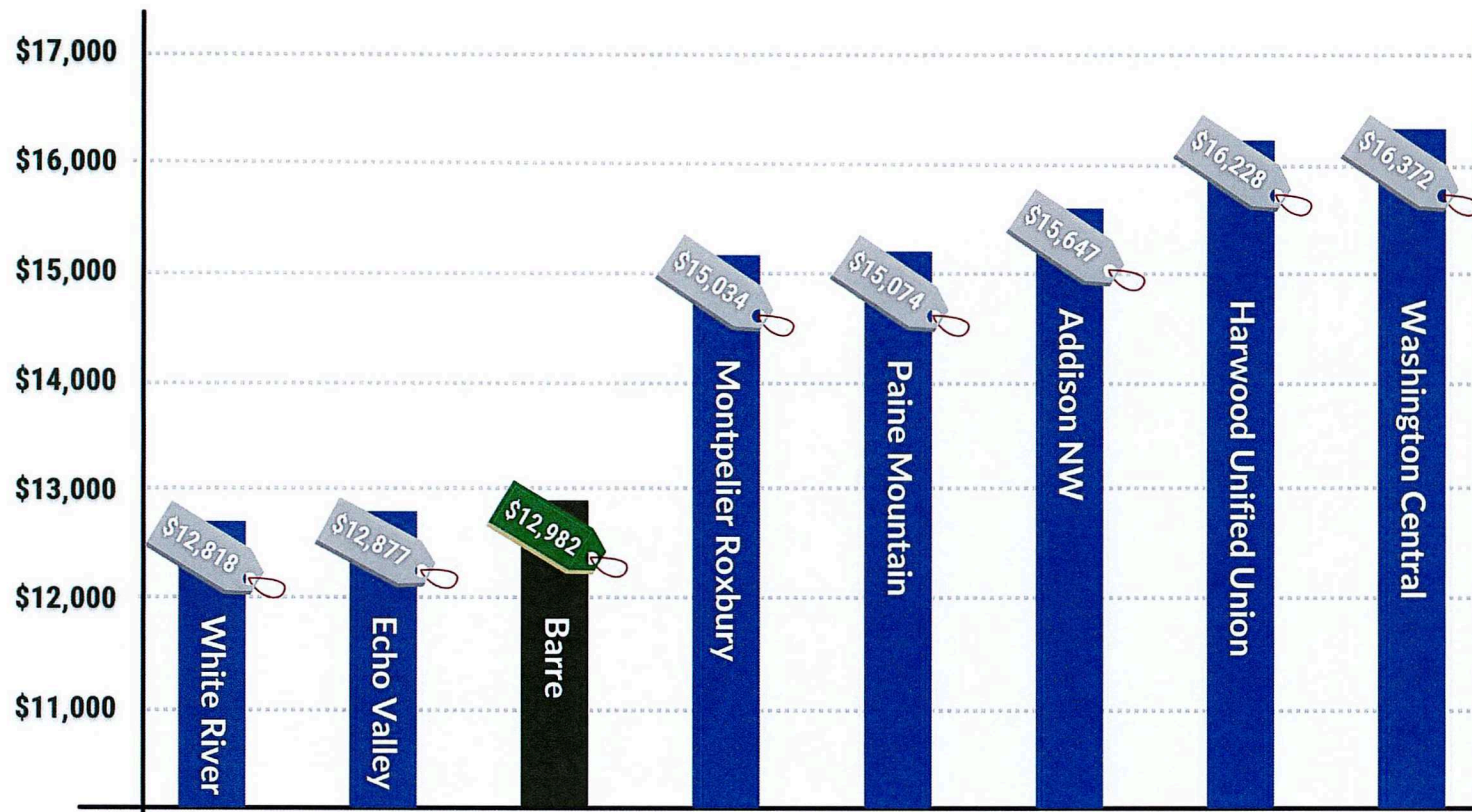
Estimated Tax Rate

	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
Expenses	\$46,352,501 2.9% Increase	\$47,254,319 1.95% Increase	\$49,615,634 4.5% Increase	\$53,308,337 7.4% Increase	\$55,949,143 4.95% Increase	\$57,829,257 3.36% Increase
Per Pupil	\$15,334	\$16,252	\$17,978	*\$11,415	\$11,476	\$12,982
Tax Rates						
BC	1.426	1.31	1.40	1.416	1.393	1.457
BT	1.228	1.17	1.21	1.248	1.199	1.428

*Equalized Pupils changed to LTWADM

Yield determined in May by Legislature
The reassessment to determine Barre City
CLA will be completed in late spring

Proposed Per Pupil Spending by District



- BUUSD's per pupil spending is one the lowest in Vermont - while investing in student and staff success.
- We strive to balance students' needs with affordability.

Want to Learn More?

Do you Qualify for a Tax Credit?

Scan to use the 2026
Property Tax Credit Calculator



"How Does Vermont Pay for Schools?"

Breakdown of terms & video
explaining education funding



For details and questions about the proposed FY27 budget:

buusd.org/budget

Ballot Article 3 & Article 4

ARTICLE 3

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ARTICLE 4

Shall the Barre Unified Union School District hold its annual meeting on the second Tuesday of May?

Questions?

Proposed FY27 Revenue Budget, 12-15-25

	FY24 ACTUALS	FY25 REVENUE	FY25 Unaudited ACTUALS	FY26 REVENUE	Estimated FY27 REVENUE	
1 TUITION - SENDING LEAs	\$381,253	\$300,000	\$404,418	\$350,000	\$400,000	
2 EXCESS COST-SENDING LEAs	\$65,209	\$60,000	\$23,346	\$60,000	\$25,000	
3 PRESCHOOL TUITION	\$14,680	\$15,000	\$6,991	\$15,000	\$5,000	
4 INTEREST	\$205,888	\$80,000	\$166,622	\$100,000	\$150,000	
5 FACILITY RENTAL	\$3,800	\$5,000	\$200	\$5,000	\$1,000	
6 COBRA INS.	\$434	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000	\$0	
7 HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$5,683	\$2,000	\$5,000	
8 DRIVERS EDUCATION	\$14,025	\$10,000	\$16,442	\$12,000	\$15,000	
9 EDUCATION SPENDING	\$39,645,397	\$40,871,402	\$40,871,402	\$43,239,188	\$45,501,740	5.23%
10 TRANSPORTATION	\$700,053	\$520,000	\$773,987	\$700,000	\$700,000	
11 CENSUS BLOCK ACT 173	\$5,945,602	\$5,517,486	\$5,517,634	\$5,247,955	\$5,132,517	
14 SPEC. ED. STATE PLACED	\$326,781	\$600,000	\$623,556	\$600,000	\$600,000	
15 SPEC. ED EXTRAORDINARY	\$2,624,370	\$3,200,000	\$3,414,707	\$3,500,000	\$4,089,000	
16 EARLY ED SPEC. ED.	\$231,927	\$230,000	\$237,538	\$230,000	\$255,000	
17 MISC/ELL/JROTC/INDIRECT*	\$448,833	\$100,000	\$883,144	\$400,000	\$350,000	
18 FUND BALANCE APPLIED		\$1,386,450	\$166,000	\$1,000,000	\$100,000	
20 CVCC CONTRACT SRVS	\$430,875	\$403,000	\$483,960	\$480,000	\$500,000	
21 GENERAL FUND REVENUE	\$51,040,127	\$53,308,338	\$53,595,630	\$55,949,143	\$57,829,257	3.36%
22 FED & STATE GRANTS	\$9,182,684	\$3,500,000	\$4,177,376	\$3,500,000	\$3,000,000	
TOTAL BUUSD REVENUE	\$60,222,811	\$56,808,338	\$57,773,006	\$59,449,143	\$60,829,257	2.32%

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	FY24 ACTUALS	FY25 BUDGET	FY25 ACTUALS	FY26 BUDGET	FY27 PROPOSED BUDGET
1 BUUSD CURRICULUM	\$309,972	\$264,106	\$472,830	\$269,138	\$259,580
2 BUUSD TECHNOLOGY	\$1,622,991	\$1,389,015	\$1,427,182	\$1,672,181	\$1,696,903
3 BUUSD BOARD	\$343,620	\$353,203	\$440,815	\$408,069	\$464,599
4 BUUSD SUPERINTENDENT	\$367,950	\$406,507	\$457,071	\$433,721	\$450,065
5 BUUSD BUSINESS OFFICE	\$500,144	\$512,183	\$551,174	\$546,192	\$506,690
6 BUUSD COPIERS	\$117,271	\$110,000	\$89,723	\$110,000	\$110,000
7 BUUSD COMMUNICATIONS	\$27,614	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
8 BUUSD HUMAN RESOURCES	\$296,202	\$332,771	\$342,430	\$371,302	\$381,780
9 BUUSD FACILITIES	\$292,026	\$294,272	\$319,378	\$333,466	\$343,277
10 BUUSD TRANSP - LEASE	\$44,075	\$54,000	\$48,833	\$68,000	\$68,000
11 BCEMS PRESCHOOL	\$541,611	\$612,922	\$566,451	\$588,548	\$592,333
12 BTMES PRESCHOOL	\$407,768	\$513,402	\$528,468	\$576,734	\$608,127
13 BCEMS DIRECT INSTRUCT	\$5,331,120	\$6,075,621	\$5,501,791	\$5,667,775	\$5,444,094
14 BTMES DIRECT INSTRUCT	\$5,726,172	\$6,318,591	\$6,709,662	\$5,505,148	\$5,880,438
15 SHS DIRECT INSTRUCT	\$4,147,747	\$4,638,715	\$4,587,951	\$4,500,350	\$4,946,790
16 BCEMS EXTRA CURRIC	\$81,167	\$68,350	\$74,865	\$65,017	\$78,017
17 BTMES EXTRA CURRIC	\$85,768	\$88,600	\$93,740	\$88,632	\$94,535
18 SHS EXTRA CURRIC	\$92,452	\$78,050	\$83,432	\$79,826	\$85,126
19 BCEMS BEHAVIOR SUPPORT	\$697,082	\$920,977	\$702,903	\$994,893	\$702,388
20 BTMES BEHAVIOR SUPPORT	\$110,739	\$162,309	\$115,574	\$149,027	\$130,493
21 SHS BEHAVIOR SUPPORT	\$134,934	\$164,169	\$138,185	\$147,933	\$152,008
22 BTMES HHB COORD	\$0	\$79,965	\$0	\$79,965	\$76,998
23 BCEMS SCHOOL COUNSELOR	\$367,504	\$479,617	\$473,641	\$503,761	\$574,843
24 BTMES SCHOOL COUNSELOR	\$178,835	\$265,274	\$248,342	\$292,816	\$305,165
25 SHS SCHOOL COUNSELOR	\$468,775	\$594,569	\$651,474	\$557,175	\$599,404
26 BCEMS HEALTH	\$156,000	\$154,443	\$168,223	\$173,041	\$183,084
27 BTMES HEALTH	\$204,278	\$168,911	\$209,988	\$224,404	\$196,460
28 SHS HEALTH	\$196,194	\$212,025	\$199,369	\$222,498	\$235,861
30 BCEMS LIBRARY	\$125,442	\$124,373	\$136,064	\$142,668	\$148,144
31 BTMES LIBRARY	\$168,712	\$184,080	\$189,745	\$195,312	\$215,500
32 SHS LIBRARY	\$156,040	\$181,884	\$179,468	\$192,023	\$198,183
33 BCEMS TECH EQUIP	\$88,150	\$90,000	\$91,385	\$100,000	\$108,000
34 BTMES TECH EQUIP	\$89,270	\$90,000	\$87,884	\$100,000	\$108,000
35 SHS/SEA TECH EQUIP	\$99,378	\$100,000	\$101,146	\$120,000	\$130,000
36 EARLY EDUCATION ADMIN	\$119,886	\$131,412	\$130,243	\$133,999	\$142,832
37 BCEMS PRINCIPALS' OFFICE	\$680,004	\$693,919	\$683,623	\$692,501	\$805,296
38 BTMES PRINCIPALS' OFFICE	\$887,487	\$921,537	\$913,781	\$860,401	\$934,482
39 SHS PRINCIPALS' OFFICE	\$685,146	\$741,293	\$737,681	\$780,576	\$736,002
40 BCEMS SRO	\$90,364	\$85,000	\$95,666	\$92,000	\$100,000
41 BTMES SRO	\$37,918	\$50,000	\$51,021	\$50,000	\$50,000
42 SHS SRO	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
43 BUUSD RAN INTEREST	\$111,521	\$70,000	\$0	\$70,000	\$70,000

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	FY24 ACTUALS	FY25 BUDGET	Unaudited FY25 ACTUALS	FY26 BUDGET	FY27 PROPOSED BUDGET	
44 BCEMS FACILITIES	\$1,241,778	\$1,320,394	\$1,384,405	\$1,335,240	\$1,425,144	
45 BTMES FACILITIES	\$1,325,505	\$1,369,106	\$1,368,542	\$1,370,478	\$1,494,444	
46 SHS FACILITIES	\$1,404,211	\$1,533,571	\$1,885,760	\$1,557,712	\$1,670,184	
47 BUUSD TRANSPORTATION	\$1,491,531	\$1,387,266	\$1,524,597	\$1,519,391	\$1,587,144	
48 BC/BT TRANSP - FIELD TRIPS	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$25,018	\$30,000	\$30,000	
49 SHS TECHNICAL ED TUITION	\$1,246,242	\$1,254,895	\$1,252,102	\$1,254,895	\$1,700,000	
50 SHS ATHLETICS	\$467,294	\$556,391	\$558,460	\$574,203	\$604,632	
51 SHS JROTC	\$115,844	\$80,932	\$218,595	\$117,499	\$213,844	
52 SHS TRANSP - WORK BASED	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$6,431	\$2,000	\$2,000	
53 SHS TRANSP - ATHLETICS	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$103,970	\$90,000	\$90,000	
54 BUUSD LONG TERM DEBT	\$556,173	\$551,173	\$543,773	\$551,173	\$551,173	
55 BUUSD MULTILINGUAL	\$0	\$95,571	\$123,088	\$129,657	\$81,107	
56 BUUSD INTERVENTIONISTS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,418,947	\$1,525,127	
57 BUUSD SPEC ED INSTRUCTION	\$10,435,283	\$11,081,582	\$11,412,575	\$12,796,446	\$12,853,995	
58 BUUSD ESY SERVICES	\$103,000	\$122,208	\$87,464	\$123,268	\$107,560	
59 BUUSD SEA PROGRAM	\$1,201,902	\$950,797	\$956,215	\$1,246,953	\$1,075,364	
60 BUUSD PHYSICAL THERAPY	\$38,131	\$69,349	\$92,672	\$98,237	\$103,237	
61 BUUSD PSYCHOLOGICAL SERV	\$496,824	\$549,014	\$559,305	\$586,314	\$574,053	
62 BUUSD SPEECH LANGUAGE	\$914,836	\$980,086	\$948,099	\$962,900	\$972,662	
63 BUUSD OCCUPAT THERAPY	\$291,661	\$262,126	\$313,042	\$284,429	\$289,261	
64 BUUSD DIRECTORS - SPEC ED	\$651,705	\$753,317	\$838,815	\$719,441	\$823,945	
65 BUUSD TRANSP - SPEC ED	\$415,250	\$445,250	\$475,312	\$465,514	\$615,514	
66 BUUSD SEA NON REIMB	\$208,689	\$431,526	\$221,804	\$0	\$0	
67 BUUSD EARLY CHILD SPEC ED	\$265,887	\$362,506	\$266,116	\$285,621	\$265,514	
68 BUUSD EARLY CHILD ESY	\$11,100	\$8,600	\$6,171	\$8,633	\$4,633	
69 BUUSD SEA FACILITY	\$192,740	\$164,611	\$173,753	\$181,099	\$175,223	
70 BUUSD SEA TRANSPORTATION	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$12,299	\$30,000	\$30,000	
71 TRANSFER INTO CAPITAL PROJECT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
72 TOTAL	\$49,436,914	\$53,308,337	\$53,959,585	\$55,949,142	\$57,829,257	3.36%
73 FEDERAL & STATE GRANTS	\$8,183,319	\$6,000,000	\$0	\$3,500,000	\$3,000,000	-14.3%
74 TOTAL BUUSD EXPENSES	\$57,620,233	\$59,308,337	\$53,959,585	\$59,449,142	\$60,829,257	2.3%