

Budget Facts

Fact:

The 2026-2027 budget has a tax levy increase of 4.29%. The District is NOT exceeding the tax cap.

Fact:

The total 2026-2027 budget is \$116,316,911 - a 5.96% budget increase.

Fact:

We anticipate maintaining the same class-size standards currently in place.

Fact:

We are slightly reducing certain staffing levels through natural attrition and careful planning. There are no projected reductions of people or programs.

Fact:

If the budget is successful, Victor's per-pupil expenditure and tax rate are projected to remain lower than the average for schools in Ontario, Wayne, and Monroe counties.

Annual Budget Vote & Election Information

District residents will cast ballots on the proposed 2026-2027 budget at the annual budget vote and Board of Education election on **Tuesday, May 19, 2026**. Voting will take place in the Victor Early Childhood School Boardroom from 6:00 AM - 9:00 PM. Voters must be at least 18 years old, a registered voter, and a resident of the District for at least 30 days prior to May 19, 2026.

Voter Registration

On **Tuesday, May 12, 2026**, the Victor Central School District will hold voter registration from 3:00 - 7:00 PM in the District Office. This registration is for residents currently not registered to vote in the general election.

For more information on voter registration and/or the upcoming budget vote, please contact VCS District Clerk, Kate Selleck at (585) 924-3252, ext. 1402 or email her at districtclerk@victorschools.org.

Early Mail Ballots & Absentee Ballots

Applications for Early Mail Ballots and Absentee Ballots are available on the District Website: www.victorschools.org, or from the District Clerk by calling (585) 924-3252 ext. 1402. Both Early Mail Ballots and Absentee Ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk **by 5:00 PM on May 19, 2026**.

Questions & Answers

1. Is the budget within the tax cap?

Yes. With a tax levy increase of 4.29%, the 2026-2027 budget does not exceed the tax cap.

2. What's the difference between the Tax Levy, Tax Rate, and True Value Tax Rate?

A **tax levy** is the total amount of money a school district needs to raise through property taxes to fund its budget after considering all other sources of revenue (like state aid). It's a specific dollar amount and is subject to limitations set forth in New York State's tax cap formula.

A **tax rate** is the rate at which property is taxed

to meet that levy. It's usually expressed as a dollar amount per thousand of assessed property value. The tax rate is calculated by dividing the total tax levy by the total taxable assessed value of all properties in the school district. This rate is then applied to the assessed value of individual properties to determine their share of the tax levy.

The **true value tax rate**, also sometimes called the full value tax rate, is the tax rate expressed as a percentage of the actual market value of a property. It is the rate of the entire school community if every house was assessed at a 100% market value. It provides a standardized way for municipalities to compare tax rates across multiple towns. Some houses in the Victor School District may have a higher tax rate and some

may have a lower rate, depending on their town's equalization rate.

3. Are we hiring more staff in this budget?

No. We are slightly reducing certain staffing levels through natural attrition and careful planning. There are no projected reductions of people or programs.

4. If we are not hiring more staff, why is the total budget still increasing next school year?

Although we are slightly reducing staffing, there are significant cost increases in areas such as health insurance, utilities, and BOCES services, among other things.

Read more questions and answers, and ask other questions you might have about our budget on our [website budget page](#).

The 2026-2027 School Budget

A Message from Superintendent Tim Terranova, Ed.D.

Dear Victor Community,

Thank you for your continued partnership as we plan for the upcoming school year. This newsletter provides a transparent overview of the 2026-27 budget and highlights how we work together to support our students' education. Our financial plan is a reflection of that shared commitment, balancing fiscal responsibility with the high standards that our community values.

I am pleased to share that the Board of Education officially adopted the 2026-27 School Budget during our meeting on April 16th. Proposed at \$116,316,911 - this budget reflects a 5.96% increase (last year's increase was 6.3%). The budget includes no projected reductions to people or programs, and we anticipate maintaining the class size standards that are currently in place. However, we are slightly reducing certain staffing levels through natural attrition and careful planning.

Despite these efforts, expenses are still increasing because of items such as health care, utilities, and BOCES costs. The District is keeping the tax levy increase at 4.29%, successfully remaining within the Tax Cap.

What makes this budget process challenging is the lateness of the New York State budget, which determines our state aid. Because of state law, the Victor Board of Education was required to adopt a budget on April 16th, even though the New York State budget was not yet adopted. As such, the \$116,316,911 budget the Board adopted was based on preliminary projections. Regardless of the final New York State budget, we will not make any adjustments to the tax levy for next year.

This carefully managed budget ensures that our resources remain focused on where they matter most: student success. Driven by the strategic leadership of our Board and the expertise of our staff, Victor continues to see significant gains, including:

Special Education Excellence: Our graduation rate for students with disabilities soared from 58% in 2020 to 89% in 2025, driven by increased access to grade-level curriculum.

Expanded Opportunities: We have seen a significant rise in students, including those who are economically disadvantaged, enrolling in dual-enrollment college courses, work-study, and internships. These experiences serve to better prepare them for life after graduation, regardless of whether they choose a career path, the military, or higher education.

AP Success: In 2025, we reached our highest participation rate ever for Advanced Placement courses, with a record-breaking percentage of students earning a score of 3 or higher.

Foundational Growth: Student performance on New York State ELA and Mathematics assessments (Grades 3-8) continues to show substantial upward trends.

These successes result directly from sufficient staffing in critical areas, including special education, mental health support, and instructional leadership. We also remain committed to the essential operations, such as security and facilities maintenance, that keep our campus safe and well-maintained.

It is important to note that our true value tax rate has trended downward since 2019 and remains one of the lowest tax rates in the entire Rochester region. We are constantly evaluating long-term revenue streams to ensure our district's excellence is sustainable. Ultimately, we aim to balance student opportunity with the financial needs of our community.

In addition to the budget vote on May 19th, the ballot includes a diesel bus proposition and the Board of Education election. I encourage you to review the details of the proposed 2026-27 school budget and the other items included in this newsletter. Please contact me directly with any questions via email or phone. As always, we remain committed to transparency and dedicated to the families and community we serve.

Sincerely,



Tim Terranova



Proposed Expenditures

- New York State law provides that all district budgets be identified in three categories:**
- Administrative Expenses**
 - Curriculum Development
 - Personnel
 - District Audit
 - Tax Collection
 - Central Printing/Mailing
 - District Votes
 - Program Expenses**
 - All Student Services
 - Instructional Support
 - Staff Development
 - In-Service Development
 - Transportation Operations
 - Instructional Salaries and Benefits
 - Capital Expenses**
 - All Facilities Costs
 - Debt Service
 - Operations/Maintenance
 - Supplies
 - Utilities
 - Personnel

	Budget 2025-2026	Proposed Budget 2026-2027	Change
Administrative Component			
Board of Education	\$87,880	\$109,870	\$21,990
Central Administration	\$293,011	\$297,970	\$4,959
Central Services	\$1,286,286	\$1,551,540	\$265,254
Curriculum Development	\$936,406	\$975,280	\$38,874
Curriculum Supervision	\$1,896,534	\$1,957,050	\$60,516
Finance	\$716,442	\$705,409	\$(11,033)
Special Items	\$848,057	\$861,535	\$13,478
Staff	\$910,105	\$959,273	\$49,168
Employee Benefits	\$2,453,670	\$2,699,018	\$245,348
Administrative Budget	\$9,428,391	\$10,116,945	\$688,554
Percent of Budget	8.59%	8.70%	0.63%
Program Component			
Co-Curricular/Interscholastic Athletics	\$2,076,841	\$2,169,050	\$92,209
Community Services	\$46,500	\$48,900	\$2,400
District Transportation Services	\$5,042,412	\$5,266,835	\$224,423
In-Service/Staff Development	\$259,602	\$209,955	\$(49,647)
Instructional Media	\$3,487,690	\$4,000,910	\$513,220
Pupil Services	\$4,438,857	\$4,504,700	\$65,843
Teaching	\$41,955,135	\$43,711,401	\$1,756,266
Transfer to Special Aid Fund	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$-
Employee Benefits	\$26,987,843	\$29,197,332	\$2,209,489
Total Program	\$84,494,880	\$89,309,083	\$4,814,203
Percent of Budget	76.97%	76.78%	4.39%
Capital Component			
Debt Service	\$7,398,642	\$7,540,719	\$142,077
Interfund Transfer - Capital	\$-	\$100,000	\$100,000
Maintenance	\$2,632,911	\$2,634,972	\$2,061
Operations	\$3,719,394	\$4,201,658	\$482,264
Refund of Taxes	\$53,000	\$53,000	\$-
Employee Benefits	\$2,044,187	\$2,360,534	\$316,347
Total Capital	\$15,848,134	\$16,890,883	\$1,042,749
Percent of Budget	14.44%	14.52%	0.95%
Total	\$109,771,405	\$116,316,911	\$6,545,506

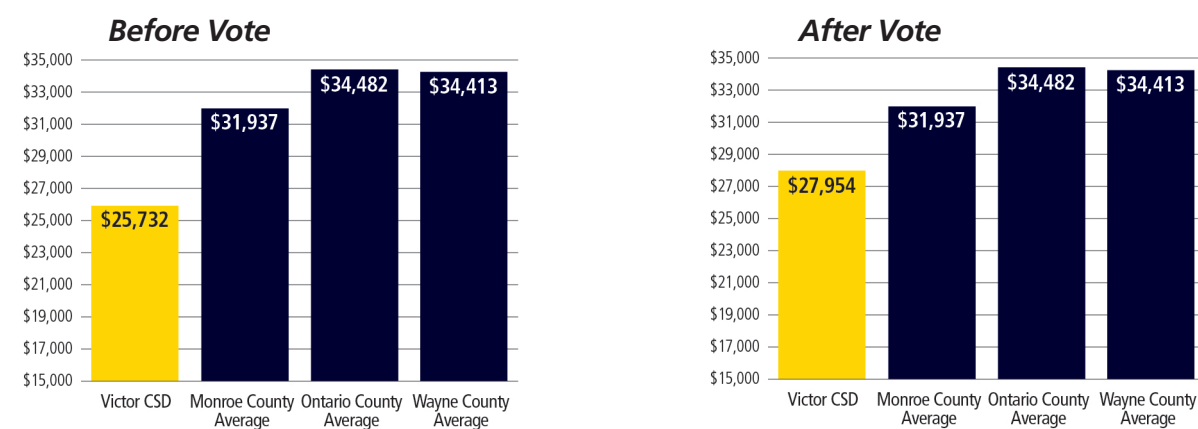
Victor Central School 2026-2027 Revenue Plan

	Budget 2025-26	Proposed 2026-27
Tax Levy	\$60,523,516	\$63,120,505
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$3,814,573	\$3,600,343
Other Local Revenues	\$1,241,106	\$1,390,000
Fund Balance	\$3,658,310	\$6,044,583*
Total Local Sources	\$69,237,505	\$74,155,431
State Aid	\$36,954,149	\$37,482,760
BOCES Aid	\$3,076,372	\$4,175,263
Instructional Material Aid	\$403,379	\$403,457
Total State Sources	\$40,433,900	\$42,061,480
Medicaid	\$100,000	\$100,000
Total Federal Sources	\$100,000	\$100,000
Total Revenues - All Sources	\$109,771,405	\$116,316,911

* The use of Fund Balance may decrease based on final State Aid and other factors.

Home Assessment	Additional Tax Monthly
\$100,000	\$0.83
\$200,000	\$1.67
\$300,000	\$2.50
\$400,000	\$3.33
\$500,000	\$4.17

Per Pupil Expenditures VCS Versus County Averages

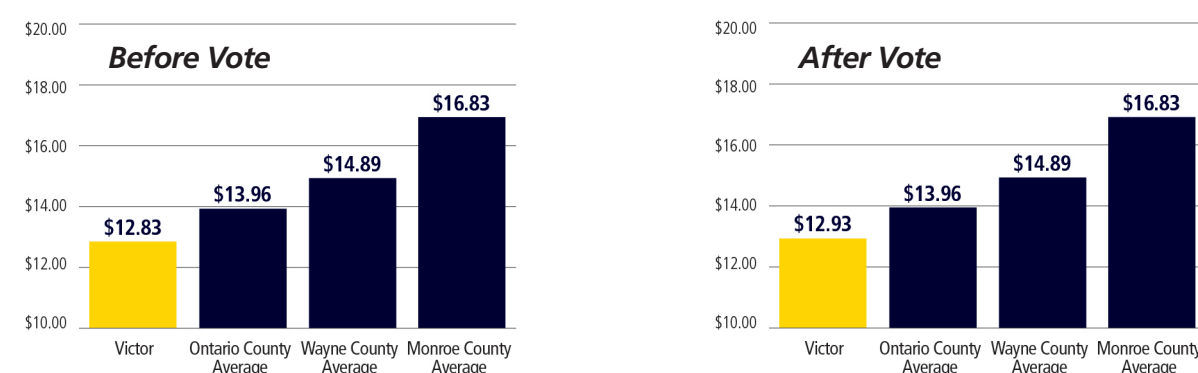


Per pupil expenditures is calculated by dividing total budgeted operating expenses by student enrollment using the most recent NYS Comptroller Real Property Tax Report Card Data. The "after" comparison shows where VCS per pupil expense would fall using the 2026-2027 budgeted expense (2025-2026 was the most recent data available for county averages).

Percentage of the Budget

How Much of the Budget is?	% of Total Budget
Employee Benefits (Medical, NYS Pension, Payroll Tax)	29.45%
Regular School Instruction (General Education Teaching and Support)	23.59%
Special Education Instruction (Teaching and Support)	12.76%
General Support (Central Administration, Buildings & Grounds, Insurance)	9.87%
Debt Service (Capital and Bus Bond Obligations)	6.48%
Pupil Transportation	4.53%
Pupil Services (Counseling/Nursing/Psychology)	3.87%
Library and Instructional Technology (Library Media and Computer Technology)	3.44%
Instructional Administration (District & Building Offices)	2.52%
Interscholastic Athletics (Modified through Varsity Athletics)	1.59%
Occupational Education (Skilled Trades Program)	1.27%
Co-Curricular Clubs (Advisor Stipends)	0.28%
In-Service Staff Development	0.18%
Interfund Transfer to Special Aid Fund for Summer School	0.17%
Grand Total	100.00%

Tax Rate Comparisons



The "Before Vote" true value tax rate reflects the most recent data from the NYS Comptroller. The "After Vote" comparison shows where VCS true value tax rate would be projected using the 2026-2027 proposed budget. Please note: the projected tax rate is subject to change as it relies upon property assessments not finalized until after June 30, 2026.

Budget to Budget

	2025-26 Adopted	2026-27 Projected	\$ Change	% Change
Budget	\$109,771,405	\$116,316,911	\$6,545,506	5.96%
Tax Levy	\$60,523,516	\$63,120,505	\$2,596,989	4.29%
Rate Per Thousand	\$12.83	\$12.93*	\$0.10	0.78%

* Projected True Value Tax Rate. Final assessment rolls are not established until 6/30/2026. The final tax rate will be set at the August Board of Education Meeting.

Three Candidates Seek to Fill Two Open Seats



Name: Bryan D. Adams

Years of Residency in the District:
11 Years, 8 Months

Education: Nazareth College Bachelor of Arts in English Literature (Spring 2004), Nazareth College - Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (Winter 2009) Southern New Hampshire University - PhD in International Business (Spring 2026)

Profession: Clinical Associate Professor of Marketing Director of B.S. degree in Digital Marketing Strategy, Interim Co-Chair, School of Business and Leadership

Community Activities: Coach, Youth Flag Football, Former Comprehensive Planning Committee Member, Town of Farmington

Family: Wife: Cassie, Assistant Nurse Manager, Pluta Cancer Center (URMC) and Former Board Member of Victor Youth Football and Cheer, Children: Josaphine (14), Charlotte (11)

Personal Statement: I'm thrilled to run again for the Victor Central School District Board of Education. As a dedicated parent, community member, and business educator, I've experienced the power of education and am eager to continue contributing my expertise and passion to the district. Professionally, I possess skills in strategic planning, budgeting, and collaboration, which I have used to make informed decisions about resources and long-term goals for the district. I have demonstrated commitment to working closely with fellow board members, educators, administrators, and stakeholders to create a supportive, inclusive, and innovative learning environment. Understanding students' needs and maintaining open communication with parents and families is crucial. Informed by my direct work with staff and administrators, I will champion our shared focus on academic excellence, critical thinking, and career-ready innovation. In conclusion, my personal, professional, and community experiences give me confidence to continue serving on the Board of Education and to positively impact Victor's students and community. Thank you for your continued support of my candidacy. We are Victor!



Name: Christopher A. Parks

Years of Residency in the District:
15 years

Education: B.S. Management w/ minor in Economics- St. John Fisher University, Post-Bac English-Nazareth University, M.S. Education-Nazareth University, Ed.D. Executive Leadership - St. John Fisher University, Continuing Education in Co-Curricular and Student Life-Regis University

Profession: Education (Teacher, Administrator, Coach)

Community Activities: Vice President, Victor Central School District Board, coach and assistant coach for various Victor community and Greater Rochester area youth sports, former board member of Camp Stella Maris, former member of the Dean's Advisory Committee for St. John Fisher University School of Education, Section Five Boys' Volleyball Committee, RCAC League Chairman for boys' volleyball, various Victor Central School District Committees (Athletic Hall of Fame, District Safety, Facilities, Visual and Performing Arts Hall of Fame), member of Monroe County Schools and Community Safety Consortium.

Family: Wife: Jenn, Children: Talin (17), Ryder (15), Hope (13), Rory (10)

Personal Statement: THANK YOU! It has been a privilege to serve on the board for the past nine years. Victor is a "destination district." It is incumbent upon the Board of Education to place the formation and well-being of students, the support and development of teachers, staff, and administration, the safety of all students and adults, the communication and collaboration with families, and the transparency with all of whom we serve at the forefront of what we do. We must continue to recognize and address the issues that are specific to our Victor community so we may continue to improve our practices, policies, and ways of proceeding. We must provide an innovative and inclusive learning environment that fosters and promotes academic excellence, social-emotional skills, critical thinking, and mental and physical health and wellness, while remaining fiscally responsible to the community. I would be honored to continue to serve our community.



Name: James W. Sawers

Years of Residency in the District:
24 years

Education: Bachelor of Business Administration, Medaille College (2008). Associate's degree, Liberal Arts, Monroe Community College (2005). Master of Education, K-12 School Building/ District Leadership, University of Rochester, Warner School of Education (Exp. Completion 2028)

Profession: Senior Director, Regional University & Major Gifts Advancement, University of Rochester

Community Activities: VCS Community Advisory Group, VCS Estates & Major Fundraising Subcommittee, Board of Directors, Society for Protection & Care of Children (SPCC), SPCC Member, Development Committee, Community Engagement Committee at RCSD School #9, Past Chair of AJGA ACE Grant Holland Cup Tournament, Past Board of Education Member, Greece Central Schools.

Personal Statement: I am running for the Victor Board of Education to help ensure our schools remain strong, innovative, and responsive to our community. As a Victor Central School District alumnus, I believe deeply in public education and feel a personal commitment to protecting and strengthening the schools that helped shape me.

My priorities are clear: support every student and family, advocate for community stakeholders, invest wisely, and plan for the future. I believe in advancing school innovation while being mindful of our tax base, ensuring investments in academics, arts, and athletics are thoughtful, measurable, and built to last.

I bring experience previously serving on a Board of Education, along with our leadership on Victor's Community Advisory Group and Major Gift Fundraising Subcommittee. Through this work, and my advocacy for education across the greater Rochester community, I've worked alongside educators and community leaders to support meaningful outcomes.

Victor is truly a special community. I would be honored to help ensure every student and family can succeed, and I respectfully ask for your support.

Victor Central School District, NYS Required Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal

	Budget Adopted for the 2025-26 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2026-27 School Year
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 109,771,405	\$ 116,316,911	\$ 113,719,922
Increase/(Decrease) for the 2025-26 School Year		\$ 6,545,506	\$ 3,948,517
Percentage Increase/(Decrease) in Proposed Budget		5.96%	3.60%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.63%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 60,523,516	\$ 63,120,505	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$ 0	\$ 0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$ 0	\$ 0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$ 0	\$ 0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A+B+C-D)	\$ 60,523,516	\$ 63,120,505	\$ 60,523,516
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 2,505,486	\$ 3,065,120	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 58,018,030	\$ 60,055,385	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E-B-F+D)	\$ 58,018,030	\$ 60,055,385	
I. Difference: (G-H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Administrative Component	\$ 9,428,391	\$ 10,116,945	\$ 9,980,780
Program Component	\$ 84,494,880	\$ 89,309,083	\$ 86,848,259
Capital Component	\$ 15,848,134	\$ 16,890,883	\$ 16,890,883

Should the 2026-27 budget be defeated and a contingent budget be adopted, the District will reduce operating costs by increasing class sizes district-wide, eliminating extra-curricular clubs, reducing athletic teams, and eliminating some non-mandatory instructional program offerings, Universal Pre-Kindergarten offerings, and instructional leadership. Additionally, equipment purchases must be eliminated and community groups will be required to pay for all costs associated with the use of buildings. (This statement is made pursuant to Section 2023 of NYS Education Law.)

STAR Program Information

Town	Basic Star		Enhanced Star	
	Exemption Value	Maximum Rebate	Exemption Value	Maximum Rebate
East Bloomfield	\$28,800	\$391	\$84,960	\$1,085
Farmington	\$30,460	\$425	\$88,500	\$1,074
Macedon	\$30,000	\$398	\$88,500	\$1,029
Perinton	\$30,000	\$424	\$88,500	\$1,037
Victor	\$20,100	\$395	\$59,300	\$1,074

** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

Description	Amount
Various school buses and vehicles for use by the District	\$1,566,837

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-27 by the qualified voters of the Victor Central School District, Ontario County, New York, will be held in the Early Childhood School Board of Education Room in said district on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 between the hours of 6:00 AM and 9:00 PM, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine. In addition to this publication, a copy of the Proposed 2026-2027 VCS Budget is available in the District Office, the Victor Farmington Library, and on our website: www.victorschools.org.

Budget Proposition

Shall the Board of Education of Victor Central School District be authorized to expend \$116,316,911 during the school year 2026-2027 and to levy the necessary tax therefor?

Bus Bond Proposition

(a) That the Board of Education of the Victor Central School District, in the Counties of Ontario, Monroe and Wayne, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to purchase various school buses for use by the District, and to expend \$1,566,837 therefor; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$1,566,837 to pay such cost, said tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$1,566,837 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

Victor Farmington Library Funding Proposition

Shall the Victor Central School District, Ontario County, New York, be authorized to levy taxes in the amount of \$993,000, separate and distinct from the School District's tax levy, for the annual support of the Victor Farmington Library, Victor, New York, and pay over such monies to the trustees of the Victor Farmington Library for library services for the benefit of residents during the 2027 fiscal year and each year thereafter?

Under Section 259 of New York State Education Law, school districts are responsible for placing library funding propositions on school district ballots. Please note that the Victor Farmington Library (VFL) Funding Proposition is not part of the Victor Central School District Budget.

VFL is asking for an increase of approx. \$0.02 per thousand dollars of assessed property value to address rising operational costs and maintain library services.

To learn more, visit victorfarmingtonlibrary.org/vote or scan the QR code below.



VCS BY THE NUMBERS

Victor High School continues to set the pace in STEM education, earning the National Project Lead the Way Distinguished School title for **7 YEARS.**

VCS THEATRE STUDENTS PUT ON **3** MAJOR PRODUCTIONS A YEAR.

VICTOR HIGH SCHOOL OFFERS **22** ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS.

35 VARSITY ATHLETIC TEAMS earned NYS Scholar Athlete status.

Each year, volunteer work by students and staff benefits **HUNDREDS** of individuals and organizations in the Victor and Farmington Communities.

VCS has been named a Best Community for Music Education for the past **6 YEARS.**

The VCS campus sits on **166** BEAUTIFUL ACRES.

VCS FAMILIES SPEAK **40** DIFFERENT LANGUAGES.

THE VCS ART PROGRAM PARTICIPATES IN **8** MAJOR AREA ART SHOWS a year in galleries at the Victor-Farmington Library, Cobblestone Arts, Nazareth College, RIT and more.

Graduation rate for the Class of 2025 earning a Regents Diploma was **96%** and 63% graduated with an Advanced Designation Regents Diploma.

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