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FY27 Budget Information Meeting

FY 27 Budget Vote History

Vote One March 5, 2026

- Overall increase of 3.36 Level Program Budget
- Included reductions in staffing 3.5 due to class size policy
- Summer school and use of $100,000, in tax stabilization money to fund.
- Move two interventionist positions to the General Operating Budget, not in grants.
- We did not include the building principals recommendations which would have increased the budget by $872,500 (6.85%)
- Includes Negotiations

Vote Two May 12, 2026

- Approximately 85% of school budget votes have passed.
- BUUSD overall budget increase of 2.73% one of the lowest in 5 years, lower than inflation, lower than many of the districts in Vermont, lower than the Governor's stated expectations
- State Per pupil spending $10-24,000; BUUSD $12,748 (below threshold amount $16,331)
- $50,000 Savings in combining SRO for two schools
- Moving intervention positions back to grant funds.
- Removal of summer school $100,000
- Reduction of the per square feet in building and maintenance costs from $1.00 to $.85 square feet
- Increase the use of tax stabilization (300,000) and surplus funds($269,518)

Vote Three September 15, 2026

- All other school budgets in the state have been passed by voters.
- BUUSD overall budget increase of 2.11% which is well below inflation, lower than many of the districts in Vermont, lower than the Governor's stated expectations
- State Per pupil spending $10-24,000; BUUSD $12,648 (below threshold amount $16,331)
- Reduced overall spending by $350,000
- Reduction of 4.5 Full Time Equivalent Positions
- Tax Rate impact from Vote Two to Vote Three
  - Reduced Tax Rate by $0.044 Barre Town
  - Reduce Tax Rate by $0.123 Barre City (in conjunction with reappraisal)

Vote Four November 3, 2026

- All other school budgets in the state have been passed by voters.
- BUUSD overall budget increase of 1.20% which is well below inflation, lower than many of the districts in Vermont, lower than the Governor's stated expectations
- State Per pupil spending $10-24,000; BUUSD $12,503 (below threshold amount $16,331)
- Reduced overall spending by $507,665
- Reduction of 5.75 Full Time Equivalent Positions
  - 1 FTE office staff Barre City
  - 2.75 FTE Non Contracted Open Positions at Barre Town
  - 2 FTE Non Contracted Open Positions Spaulding
- $100,000 Reduction in Facilities Expenses
- $200,000 Reduction in Tech Tuition

Community Input and Outcome

- **Opposition Drivers:** The primary reason for "No"
  - Tax Impact (33.3%)
  - BT down 9.4% or $0.135 from original
  - BC down 36.3% or $0.529 from original (reappraisal impact)
  - Followed by concerns over the rate of budget growth compared to the previous year. Budget increase 1.20% year over year
- **Spending Concerns:** Respondents are most worried about
  - Overall Spending Levels (34.7%) Reduced Spending $1,2007,665 from original budget draft
  - Reduced 17.25 Full Time Equivalent Positions in this Fiscal Year drafts

Community Input and Outcome Continued

- **Desired Growth Rate:**
  - Over 30% of respondents prefer a 0–2% increase
    Vote 4 increase is 1.2% year over year
  - 25% find the current proposal acceptable as is.
- **Reserve Fund Utilization:**
  - A clear majority (**69.4%**) advocate for using tax stabilization fund to provide immediate tax relief.

    Board is utilizing $300k tax stabilization funds in current budget

Budget Vote November 3, 2026

BUUSD FY 27 Budget Vote 4 – Budget Facts

Ballot Article 1

Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend $56,621,592, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?
The Barre Unified Union School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per-pupil education spending of $12,503, which is 8.95% higher than per-pupil education spending for the current year."

- The increase from approved FY26 budget to proposed FY27v3 budget is $672,449 or 1.20%
- Majority of the per-pupil education spending increase is due to a drop in LTWADM students - 263
  - Overall increase in Per-Pupil spend $1,172
  - LTWAD reduction impact $872 84.9% of impact
  - Budget spend impact $155 15.1% of impact
- Over the last several years Barre has been lower than most districts on a per-pupil basis. All of this while operating in a high inflation environment. Facing many mandated costs out of their control with double digit increases.

LTWADM = Long Term Weighted Average Daily Membership

Budget History Over Time

	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	Estimated FY27
Expenses	$46,352,501 2.90% Increase	$47,254,319 1.95% Increase	$49,615,634 4.50% Increase	$53,308,337 7.40% Increase	$55,949,143 4.95% Increase	$56,621,592 1.20% Increase
Per Pupil	$15,334	$16,252	$17,978	*11,415	$11,476	$12,503
Tax Rates						
BC	$1.426	$1.310	$1.400	$1.416	$1.393	$0.928
BT	$1.228	$1.170	$1.210	$1.248	$1.199	$1.294

* Change in method for calculating students moved to LTWADM

Barre Town Tax Rate Impact

Barre Town	FY25 Tax	FY26 Est. Tax		Variance
Property Value on Tax Bill	$100,000	$100,000		$0
Tax Rate	$1.199	$1.292		$0
Tax Dollars	$1,199	$1,292		$93
	CLA Change	Spending	Merger Incent.	Total
Variance Due To	$0.078	$0.007	$0.010	$0
	$78	**$7**	**$10**	**$95**

Barre Town	FY25 Tax	FY26 Est. Tax		Variance
Property Value on Tax Bill	$200,000	$200,000		$0
Tax Rate	$1.199	$1.292		$0
Tax Dollars	$2,398	$2,583		$185
	CLA Change	Spending	Merger Incent.	Total
Variance Due To	$0.078	$0.007	$0.010	$0
	$156	**$14**	**$20**	**$190**

Barre Town	FY25 Tax	FY26 Est. Tax		Variance
Property Value on Tax Bill	$300,000	$300,000		$0
Tax Rate	$1.199	$1.292		$0
Tax Dollars	$3,597	$3,875		$278
	CLA Change	Spending	Merger Incent.	Total
Variance Due To	$0.078	$0.007	$0.010	$0
	$234	**$21**	**$30**	**$285**

Barre Town $1.294

- CLA change has accounts for 82% of the tax impact for FY27

- If CLA would have remained the same tax impacts would have been as follows:
- $100,000 $17 annually
- $200,000 $35 annually
- $300,000 $52 annually

- Towns / Cities and State are in control of CLA. School Districts are merely downstream users of the data.

CLA = Common Level Appraisal

Barre City Tax Rate Impact

	FY25 $100,000 Property Value Estimate		
Barre City	FY25 Tax	FY26 Est. Tax	Variance
Property Value on Tax	$100,000	$168,000	$68,000
Tax Rate	$1.393	$0.928	$0
Tax Dollars	$1,393	$1,560	$167
Variance Due To	**Appraised Value**	**Tax rate**	**Total**
	$68,000	-$0.465	
	$947	**-$781**	**$167**

	FY25 $200,000 Property Value Estimate		
Barre City	FY25 Tax	FY26 Est. Tax	Variance
Property Value on Tax	$200,000	$336,000	$136,000
Tax Rate	$1.393	$0.928	$0
Tax Dollars	$2,786	$3,119	$333
Variance Due To	**Appraised Value**	**Spending**	**Total**
	$136,000	-$0.465	
	$1,894	**-$1,561**	**$333**

	FY25 $300,000 Property Value Estimate		
Barre City	FY25 Tax	FY26 Est. Tax	Variance
Property Value on Tax	$300,000	$504,000	$204,000
Tax Rate	$1.393	$0.928	$0
Tax Dollars	$4,179	$4,679	$500
Variance Due To	**Appraised Value**	**Spending**	**Total**
	$204,000	-$0.465	
	$2,842	**-$2,342**	**$500**

Barre City $0.928

- Barre City reappraisal has an oversized impact on total tax bills
- Appraised values increased on average in Barre City 68% per Barre City website
- Tax rate down $0.465 due to CLA change of 48.74%

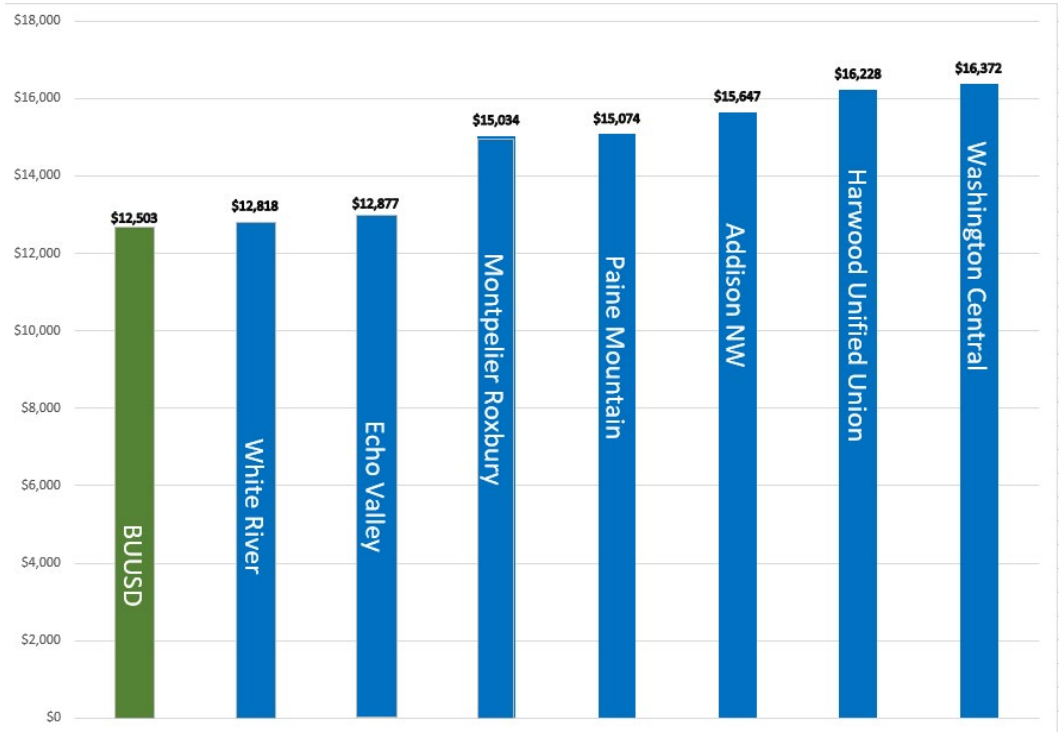
Cost To Borrow Money For The District

Line of Credit Interest costs Per Month / Annualized		
Amount Extended	Monthly Interest	Annualized Interest
$100,000	$331.50	$3,978.00
$200,000	$664.92	$7,979.00
$300,000	$998.17	$11,978.00
$400,000	$1,331.50	$15,978.00
$500,000	$1,664.83	$19,978.00
$600,000	$1,998.17	$23,978.00
$700,000	$2,331.50	$27,978.00
$800,000	$2,664.83	$31,978.00
$900,000	$2,998.17	$35,978.00
$1,000,000	$3,331.50	$39,978.00

- If we extend fully on our Line of Credit ($6.7M) then we will incur a monthly interest cost of $22,000

Proposed Per Pupil Spending by District

- BUUSD's per pupil spending is one of the lowest in the state. $12,503 per Pupil (LTWADM)
- District has worked to balance needs of students with the concerns of taxpayers
- Only school budget in the state still not passed by voters.



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