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Barstow Unified Union School District
Annual District Meeting
Tuesday, February 28, 2023
Barstow Memorial School*
6:30 PM

**Virtual option available to listen and watch meeting only, with no authority to vote from the floor.*

Annual District Report
AVAILABLE FEBRUARY 1st

- Online at www.rnesu.org
- Copies available at Barstow Memorial School and Town Clerks' Offices
- Request a copy by calling RNESU at (802) 247-5757

BARSTOW UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
February 28, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

The legal voters of the Barstow Unified Union School District (Unified Union District) comprising the voters of the Towns of Chittenden and Mendon are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Barstow Memorial School (virtual option available to listen and watch only, with no authority to vote from the floor) on February 28, 2023, in the hall of said school, at 6:30 p.m. to conduct the following business:

Article 1: To elect the following officers to serve from their election and qualification until the next Annual District Meeting following the election and qualification of their successors:
A. Moderator
B. Clerk
C. Treasurer

Article 2: To approve the minutes from the Unified Union District meeting held on February 25, 2020 and the District Informational Meetings held virtually on February 23, 2021 and February 22, 2022.

Article 3: To hear the Board of School Directors of the Unified Union District present its estimate of expenses for the ensuing year.

Article 4: To approve the following compensation to Unified Union District Officers:
A. School Directors - \$1,500 per member per year and an additional \$750 for the member serving as the School Board Chair
B. Moderator - \$150 per meeting
C. Clerk - \$150 per meeting
D. Treasurer - \$2,000 per year

Article 5: To authorize the Unified Union District to borrow money pending receipt of payments from the State Education Fund or Town Tax Funds by the issuance of its notes or orders payable not later than one year from date; provided, however, that the Unified Union District is authorized by Vermont Statutes to borrow sufficient funds to meet pending obligations.

Article 6: To transact any other school business thought proper when met.

The meeting shall then be recessed to Tuesday, March 7, 2023, for the purpose of voting the following articles at the usual polling place in the member districts by Australian ballot, said ballots being brought to Chittenden Town Office following the closing of the polls in the member districts where they will be commingled and counted by the Board of Civil Authority of the constituent districts.

The Town polls will be opened as follows:

Town of Chittenden	10:00 AM – 7:00 PM	Chittenden Town Office
Town of Mendon	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM	Mendon Town Office

Article 7: To elect the following officers to serve from their election and qualification until March following the election and qualification of their successors:
A. School Director, At-Large for a term of three (3) Years

Article 8: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend Five Million Five Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety-Nine Dollars (\$5,996,599) 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 \$18,681 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 0% difference than spending for the current year.

Virtual Option for Observing Annual District Meeting:
Remote attendees can listen and watch, but are not able to speak or vote on the articles from the floor.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85019415968?pwd=MGJpZWlnUkVhZGdGRlRlSjBhbnRlUkRnVU09>

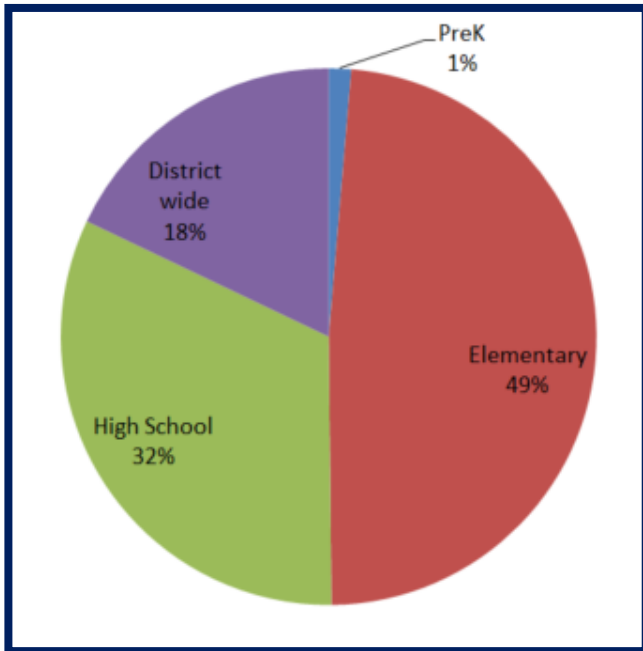
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Meeting link and dial in information can be found on the calendar on the RNESU website:
<http://www.rnesu.org>

**Proposed Barstow Budget by Level
Pre-K-8, High School, and RNESU*
Proposed 2023-2024 Budget \$5,596,599**



Level	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budget	FY24 Proposed
Pre K	72,315	73,190	75,624
Barstow K-8	2,660,551	2,871,362	2,675,464
High School	1,639,886	1,903,308	1,804,016
District Wide	863,682	949,473	1,041,495
Total	5,236,434	5,797,333	5,596,599

*District Wide includes the Barstow UU School Board costs for RNE central office infrastructure and support, special education, transportation, food services, technology and facilities coordination.

BUDGET FACTS

Proposed budget includes cost of living increases in salaries and health insurance premium increase of 12.7%, reduction of a Classroom Teacher based on student enrollments, adjusts smaller line-by-line costs based on historical spending, and reflects high school tuitions at FY24 proposed rates with decrease of 14 students, while maintaining all programs.

Considerations of Budget Proposal:

- Net Education Spending – our taxable budget is down by \$241,932 or 4.28%
- Equalized pupils are down by 12.79 students or 4.23%
- Result: Education Spending per Equalized pupil is down \$10 or -0.05% to \$18,681. This proposed spending per equalized pupil is less than the VT Tax Commissioner’s anticipated average spending of \$20,155.

State Impact on Budget Proposal:

- Announced State Tax Yield of \$15,479 is up by \$2,165 per equalized pupil or 16.26%.
- Result: Proposed Homestead Tax Rate BEFORE Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is \$1.21, which is **down** (\$0.19) or (14.03%)

Town Impact on Budget Proposal: the towns’ Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) are used to adjust the unified tax rate above to an ACTUAL Town school tax rate.

- Chittenden’s CLA is 87.26%, which is below 100% thereby increasing the town’s actual tax rate to \$1.38, which is a decrease of \$0.16 or (\$16) per \$100,000 house site value.
- Mendon’s CLA is 100.77%, which is above 100%, thereby decreasing the town’s actual tax rate to \$1.20, which is a decrease of (\$0.06) or (\$6) per \$100,000 house site value.

Please join us in person or virtually Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

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Please Vote: Early Voting by Mail, or at the Town Offices, or at the Polls on March 7, 2023