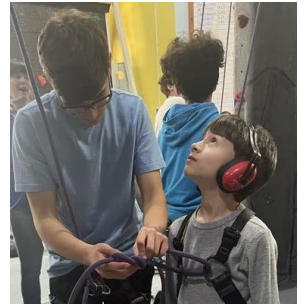




BARSTOW UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

49 Court Drive
Brandon, VT 05733



Barstow Unified Union
School District

District Info. Meeting

Monday, April 22, 2024
Barstow School
6:00 PM

*Virtual Option Available
on the calendar at www.mesu.org*

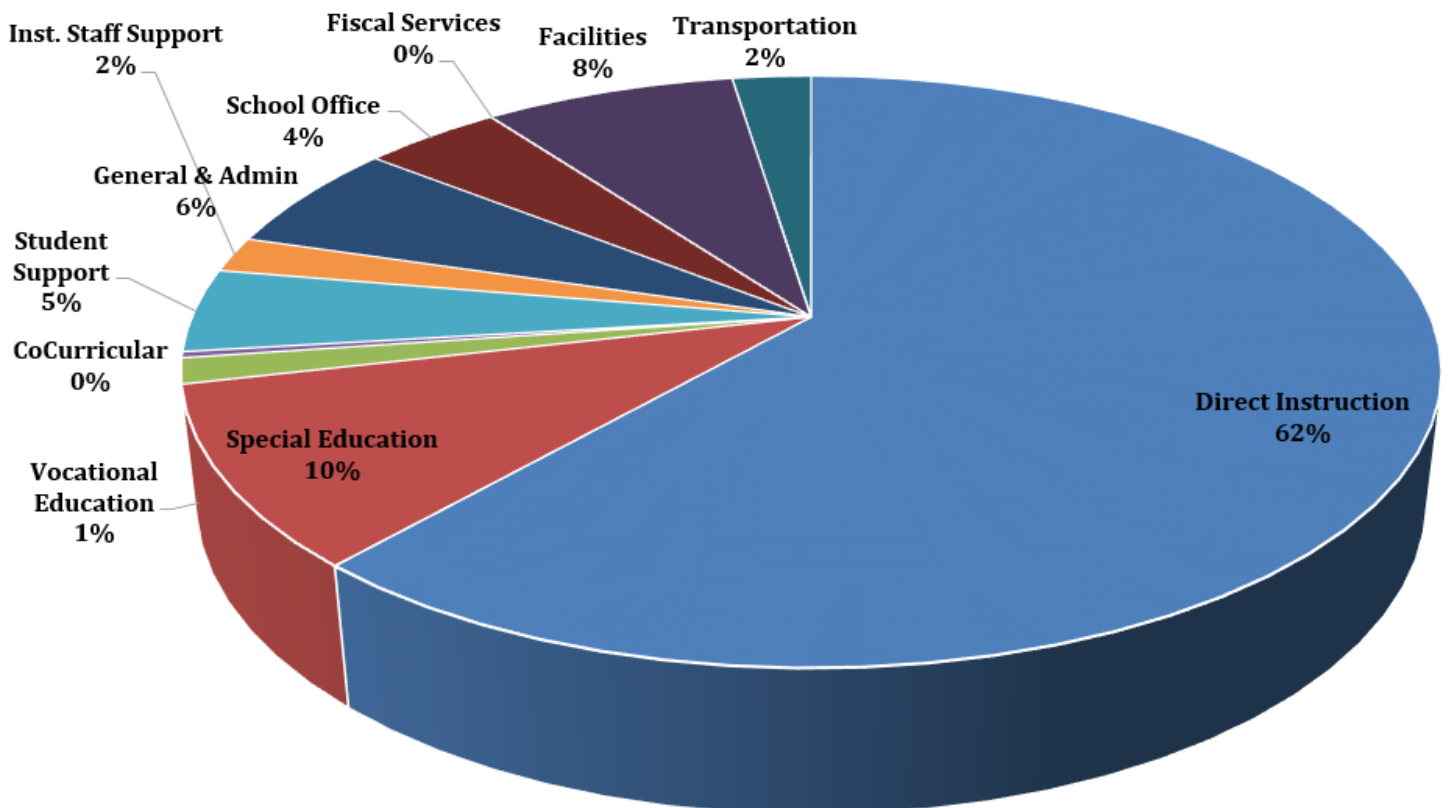


SPECIAL ELECTION APRIL 30, 2024

Voting Options

- Early Voting – in-person at Town Office
- By Mail – with an Absentee Ballot (request from Town Clerk)
- In-Person Voting – at Town's Polling Location

Revised FY2025 Budget Proposal by Function



Revised 2024-2025 Budget Proposal

What We've Heard from Our Community:

- Maintain positions with direct instructional impact for students
- Preserve programs and educational opportunities at Barstow Memorial School
- Maintain smaller primary class sizes to focus on primary literacy instruction
- Centralized costs at RNESU are too high



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How Have the Proposed Numbers Changed Since Town Meeting Day?

The Proposed Budget	Original Proposal: \$6,273,856	This new proposed budget reflects an approximate 0.46% reduction from the original proposal. This budget prioritized: preserving educational opportunities for all students; maintaining small class sizes; ensuring equitable services; and, minimizing impacts to providers of direct instructional services for students.
	New Proposal: \$6,244,737	

What Specific Changes Were Made from Town Meeting Day?

- The RNESU Board reduced their budget by \$164,000, eliminating a special education teacher, re-assigning mental health support services, and reducing the part time head bus driver.
- This reduction results in a \$29,119 lower assessment for Barstow UUSD.

What are the Major Budget Drivers?

- Salaries - Faculty and Staff salary increases represent around a 2.21% increase in the budget
- Benefits - There was a statewide healthcare cost increase of 16.4% this year, representing around a 1.84% increase in the budget
- High School Tuitions - FY25 projected tuitions increases, based on student's enrollments, represent around 3.17% increase in the budget.
- RNESU Assessment (Prek-12) represent around 1.7% increase in the budget.

Learn More & Get in Touch

Visit: <https://www.rnesu.org/page/budget>

Reach Out! at <https://www.rnesu.org/page/reach-out>



Vote On or Before Tuesday, April 30th!

Chittenden: 10am - 7pm @ Chittenden Town Office

Mendon: 8am - 7pm @ Mendon Town Office

OR contact your Town Clerk's Office to request an absentee ballot

BARSTOW UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

APRIL 22, 2024 AT 6:00 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 - Meeting link and dial in information can be found on the calendar on the RNESU website: <http://www.rnesu.org>) on April 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. to conduct the following business:

Article 1: To hear the Board of School Directors of the Unified Union District present its estimate of expenses for the ensuing year.

The meeting shall then be recessed to Tuesday, April 30, 2024 for the purpose of voting the following article at the usual polling places in the member districts by Australian ballot, said ballots being brought to the 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.

Article 2: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend Six Million Two Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Seventy Hundred Thirty-Seven Dollars (\$6,244,737) which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?