

Revised 2024-2025 Budget Proposal

Budget Reductions from Initial March Vote:

- \$55,456 – RNESU assessment reduced 4.6%
- \$117,845 – RHS tuition costs (based on updated data)
- \$20,252 – Barstow open paraeducator position reduced to current part time level
- \$3,320 – Elementary tuition costs (based on updated data)
- \$2,000 – Equipment repairs, maintenanc & supplies
- \$6,500 – Facilitiy repairs & maintenance
- \$5,000 – General school supplies
- \$5,000 – Barstow Board professional development
- \$750 – Barstow Board Chair stipend

Total Reduction of 3.45%
\$216,123

What We've Heard from Our Community:

- Provide support to all students by minimizing impacts to professionals providing direct student learning
- Preserve extended learning opportunities and extra-curriculars at Barstow Memorial School
- Keep class sizes small (low student to teacher ratio)
- Centralized costs at RNESU are too high

What Are the Key Numbers to Know?

	Budget Adopted for the Current (2023-24) School Year	Budget Proposed on Town Meeting Day	Current Budget Proposal for the 2024-25 School Year
Total Budgeted Amount	\$5,596,599	\$6,273,856	\$6,057,733
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (Before CLA)	\$1.207	\$1.370	\$1.320

How Does This Budget Compare to Others in Vermont?

- Vermont utilizes a formula called long term weighted average daily membership to calculate per pupil spending. This budget proposal has Barstow spending **\$316 less per pupil** than the Vermont projected average.
- \$13,080 spending per Barstow student
- \$13,396 Vermont average spending per student

How Does This Impact My Taxes?

- The exact amount that you will owe is difficult for us as a district to tell you, because the amount is determined by a number of factors we do not control. Your income, housesite value, and the CLA of your specific town all impact your tax burden. What we encourage you to do is utilize the property tax credit calculator provided by the state of Vermont. You can access this by scanning the QR code on the other side of this document or visiting: <https://www.rnesu.org/page/budget>

What Does This Proposed Budget Continue to Support?

- High quality education that has been traditionally expected of the Barstow community
 - Maintained small class sizes
 - Continued support of the lifetime sports program
 - Continued support of the world language program
 - Continued support of the integrated arts (art, music, library, physical education)
- Transportation for all Barstow students K-8 and for high school aged students
- Extra-curricular opportunities for Barstow students
- Sports offerings for Barstow students

Learn More & Get in Touch

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

Vote On or Before Wednesday, June 12th!

Chittenden: 9am - 7pm @ Chittenden Town Office
Mendon: 8am - 7pm @ Mendon Town Office
OR contact your Town Clerk's Office to request an absentee ballot