

2021 Annual Report Champlain Valley School District



The Champlain Valley School District's Annual Report including the proposed Annual Budget and Annual Report Card is available on the CVSD website at: <https://www.cvsdvt.org/Page/602>

This online material includes information that is no longer in the local annual Town Report.

All households were mailed an informational flyer from the school district in place of the report.



Dear CVSD Families and Community Members,

What a great and incredible honor it has been to serve as your new superintendent of schools this year. Between meeting families at farmers markets, Zoom meetings, athletic events, or at the schools themselves, it has been wonderful to move to the beautiful Champlain Valley. The COVID pandemic has continued to challenge our daily teaching and learning across the district. Yet, our students, our staff, our faculty, and our campus administrators continue to be resilient in finding the best way to return to what education once was. We know now that we have to look at the present and the

future to determine how the district and the community can work together to measure progress now and develop what the education will be post-pandemic.

To develop that future for our district, we are taking stock of where we are now and how we need to look ahead collaboratively. First, academically, we are taking measures of how our students are progressing through the curriculum, especially measuring where they are in literacy and math. Knowing where they are on the learning continuum is critical for us to determine if interventions or enrichments are needed, especially given the effect the pandemic has had on their learning in the last two years. Second, we are conducting an equity audit to assess how closely our district aligns with the equity policy passed by our board in December 2020. The audit will give us a good idea of whether the many opportunities provided by the district are accessible by and to all of our students. Next, we are conducting two demographic studies to gauge the amount and locations of future enrollment trends. The studies will help us tie our facility needs, upgrades, and maintenance directly to future budget planning. Finally, in March 2022, we are beginning a strategic plan process that will guide our district's development over the next five years. Our plan is to involve many stakeholders, including students, families, community members, as well as faculty and staff. This way, we can chart our future and set our goals together.

Closely tied to this work is our board's and administration's dedication to utilizing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) as a lens to serve our students, families, faculty, and staff. To quote former President Jimmy Carter, "We have become not a melting pot but a beautiful mosaic. Different people, different beliefs, different yearnings, different hopes, different dreams." CVSD will take on the mantle of this mosaic to incorporate DEI into all aspects of our work to help all students, especially those students from historically marginalized populations. The outcomes generated from utilizing the DEI lens will help our students overcome academic and other challenges caused by the COVID pandemic as well as prepare them for their post-secondary futures.

In closing, I would truly like to thank and express my appreciation to our faculty, our staff, and our administrators who have been able to move mountains during this year. Thinking back to the summer, teaching and learning were supposed to return to what they looked pre-pandemic. As you know, it did not. Campuses, food service, transportation, and maintenance have had to pivot multiple times this year to keep students safe and to keep students learning. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude for their service. We do not know what the next year brings in terms of the pandemic, but we do know that CVSD will keep educating and serving our students. This budget will support the changing landscape of education and service for which CVSD continuously adapts.

Thank you so much for supporting our students, our faculty, staff, and our district.

Sincerely,
Rene Sanchez
Superintendent of Schools



Dear CVSD Community,

I'm writing to you on a dangerously cold yet bright and beautiful January day, thinking about the ability of our hearts and minds to hold two seeming opposites in the same space at the same time.

This year, this pandemic, has been at once brutal and inspiring. We've lived with the crushing weight of near-constant anxiety and uncertainty, while witnessing acts of kindness great and small. As individuals and as a community, we've experienced loss and illness alongside deepening gratitude and appreciation.

I'd like to focus on the latter in this short space. Though I'm probably supposed to write about board accomplishments and ongoing work, I'm compelled to simply offer thanks.

Thank you to our teachers, administrators, nurses, food service staff, counselors, librarians, paraeducators, bus drivers, and everyone working in CVSD to support our kids and one another. Thank you to my fellow board members, who work diligently to understand and represent the needs of all in our communities.

Thank you to the members of this wide community for consistently showing your care and support for the students of our district by voting in favor of the school budget. Thank you to families and caregivers whose partnership with our teachers and schools provides the most holistic education possible, and whose understanding of the frequent policy and guidance shifts this year has been vital.

Finally, thank you to our students. Your resiliency, your advocacy, your growth, and your honesty shine a brilliant light on why everyone working in education chose this path.

May we all follow that beam of light as we travel out of the pandemic tunnel into a learning community transformed by our collective experience. I lift up the voices of educators everywhere calling not for a return to normal, but rather an arrival at better than ever.

Sincerely,
Angela Arsenault
CVSD Board Chair

WARNING
CHAMPLAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2022 AND MARCH 1, 2022

The legal voters of the Champlain Valley School District, are hereby notified and warned to meet virtually via Zoom at five o'clock in the evening (5:00pm) on February 28, 2022 to conduct an informational hearing with respect to articles of business to be considered by Australian ballot on March 1, 2022.

Zoom Meeting: <https://cvsdvt-org.zoom.us/j/88634652241> Meeting ID: 886 3465 2241 Passcode: cvsd11
Zoom Meeting Phone Participation: 1-646-876-9923 Passcode: 854788

The legal voters of the Champlain Valley School District, are hereby notified and warned to meet at their respective polling places on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at seven o'clock in the forenoon (7:00am), at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock in the afternoon (7:00pm), at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot on the following articles of business:

BALLOT QUESTIONS

- ARTICLE I: To elect a moderator.
- ARTICLE II: To elect a clerk.
- ARTICLE III: To elect a treasurer.
- ARTICLE IV: Shall the voters of the Champlain Valley School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenues for the next fiscal year?
- ARTICLE V: Shall the voters of the Champlain Valley School District authorize the Board of School Directors to provide a mailed notice of availability of the Annual Report to residents in lieu of distributing the Annual Report?
- ARTICLE VI: To establish the date of the Champlain Valley School District Annual Meeting of Monday, March 6, 2023 at 5pm at CVU High School and recessed and opened back up at Australian ballot voting on Town Meeting Day.
- ARTICLE VII: Shall the voters of the Champlain Valley School District approve the expenditure by the Board of School Directors of the sum of Eighty-Nine Million, Three Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars (\$89,397,762) which is the amount the Board of School Directors has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022? It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of Eighteen Thousand, Four Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars (\$18,454) per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 9.9% higher than spending for the current year.
- ARTICLE VIII: Shall the voters of the Champlain Valley School District authorize the Board of School Directors to allocate its current fund balance, without effect upon the District tax levy, as follows: assign One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) of the school district's current fund balance as revenue for the 2022 - 2023 operating budget, and assign the remaining balance, One

Million, Nine Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Five Dollars (\$1,932,905) as revenue for future budgets?

ARTICLE IX: Shall the voters of the Champlain Valley School District authorize the Board of Directors to borrow money by the issuance of notes not in excess of Two Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$210,000) for the purpose of purchasing two (2) school buses?

ARTICLE X: Shall general obligation bonds or notes of Champlain Valley School District in an amount not to exceed Seven Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,500,000), subject to reduction from the application of available state and federal grants-in-aid and reserves, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of making certain public school building improvements, namely (1) Charlotte Central School electrical and life safety improvements (\$4,785,000) (2) Champlain Valley High School mechanical upgrades and grounds maintenance (\$865,000), (3) Hinesburg Community School building repairs and upgrades. (\$725,000), (4) Shelburne Community School grounds and building repairs and replacements (\$855,000), (5) Williston Central and Allen Brook Schools grounds and building repairs and upgrades (\$270,000) the aggregate cost of such improvements estimated to be Seven Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,500,000). **State funds may not be available at the time these projects are otherwise eligible to receive state school construction aid. The District is responsible for all costs incurred in connection with any borrowing done in anticipation of the receipt of school construction aid.**

POLLING PLACES

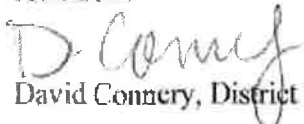
Charlotte	Charlotte Town Hall
Hinesburg	Hinesburg Town Hall
Shelburne	Shelburne Town Center – Gymnasium
Williston	Williston Armory
St. George	St. George Red Schoolhouse


Ballots shall be transported and delivered to the Champlain Valley Union High School in the Town of Hinesburg and there commingled and counted by members of the Boards of Civil Authority of several towns under the supervision of the Clerk of the Champlain Valley School District.

The legal voters of the Champlain Valley School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee/early voting relative to said annual meeting shall be as provided in Section 706a of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Adopted and approved at a duly noticed, called and held meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Champlain Valley School District on January 18, 2022. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Champlain Valley School District on January 19, 2022.

ATTEST:


David Connery, District Clerk


Angela M. Arsenault, Chairperson

FY23 BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Homestead Tax Rate

The forecasted state-wide homestead yield is estimated at \$13,392 which, based on the state's formula, produces a pre-CLA equalized homestead tax rate of \$1.38 (per \$100 of property value) for the CVSD towns. Actual tax rates are adjusted further in each town for a statewide Common Level of Appraisal (CLA).

EQUALIZED TAX RATE

FY22	FY23
\$1.48	\$1.38

CLA AND ACTUAL HOMESTEAD TAX RATE WITH CLA APPLIED

Adjusted Equalized Tax Rate \$1.38	Common Level of Appraisal	Estimated Homestead Rate w/CLA Applied	% Change from Last Year	\$ Change from previous year per \$100,000
Charlotte	92.4%	\$1.49	-3.2%	-\$49.53
Hinesburg	87.9%	\$1.57	0.6%	+\$9.47
Shelburne	88.0%	\$1.57	-2.1%	-\$33.37
St. George	81.6%	\$1.69	-2.2%	-\$37.30
Williston	85.0%	\$1.62	2.0%	+\$31.32

After applying the CLA factor, all CVSD towns have a decrease (at most \$.05 or 3%) or a very small increase (at most \$.03 or 2%)

COST PER EQUALIZED PUPIL

FY22 Cost per Equalized Pupil	FY23 Cost per Equalized Pupil	Percent Change
\$16,751	\$18,454	9.9%

Property Tax Relief

You may be eligible for an education property tax reduction that will be applied to your 2022-23 tax bill if your household income is less than \$138,250. To apply for tax relief contact the Vermont Department of Taxes at www.tax.vermont.gov or 802-828-2505.



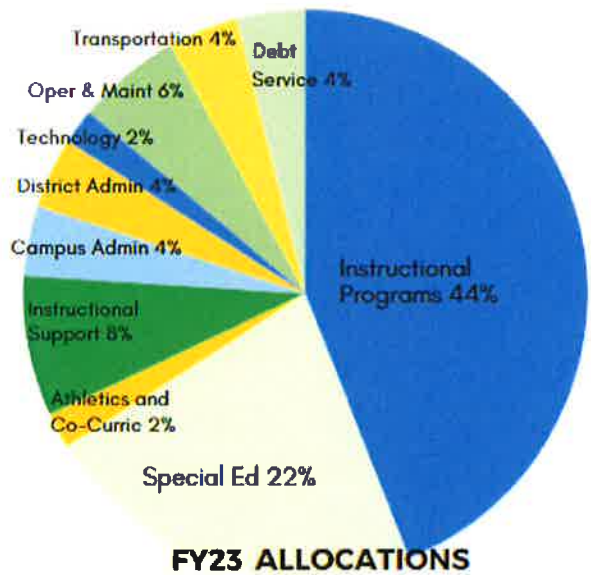
Champlain Valley SCHOOL DISTRICT

Charlotte • Hinesburg • Shelburne • St. George • Williston • CVU

FY23 PROPOSED BUDGET

FY22 Budget	\$85,285,440
FY23 Budget	\$89,397,762
Percent Increase	4.8%

2021 - 2022 Budget	\$85,285,440
Salary	\$1,576,870
Health insurance	\$569,506
Other Benefits	\$146,861
District Initiatives - Diversity & Equity	\$400,000
Tuition (Early Learning Partners, Vocational Tech)	\$312,054
Debt Service	\$75,175
Special Ed (w/o health ins)	\$328,323
All Other	\$703,533
2022 - 2023 Budget	\$89,397,762



The CVSD mission is to develop citizens who

LEARN

actively and collaboratively

THINK

creatively and critically

LIVE

responsibly and respectfully

CONTRIBUTE

positively to their community

PURSUe EXCELLENCE

CVSD BOARD BUDGET GOALS

- Support the implementation of the CVSD Mission and Vision
- Meet or Exceed Education Quality Standards
- Implement Key Initiatives
- Implement and continue to improve the budget process, including a focus on community input
- ... at a cost the community will support.

Please visit the district's Budget Page on our website for more information and our Annual Report.

<https://www.cvsdvt.org/budget>