Dear Community Members,

In 2015, the Vermont Legislature passed Act 46 into law. The law is now in its final phase and requires school districts ordered by the State Board of Education to merge effective July 1, 2019. The Richford and Enosburgh School District school boards will begin working as one unified board on July 1. Richford is a party in an Act 46 group lawsuit. The judge has dismissed three of the six claims in this case. In the past few weeks, he has been hearing arguments on the remaining claims. There has been nothing from the court that grants districts the authority to prevent or delay merger. This spring, a bill (H.39), and then an amendment, in the Vermont Legislature proposed delaying the operational dates of mergers for some districts. *The Legislative Session has ended with nothing passed that grants districts the legal authority to prevent or delay mergers.* Our intention is to follow the law; should anything change in the courts, we will respond accordingly.

The Enosburgh and Richford school districts will officially merge on July 1, 2019, creating a unified school board. We have met regularly to usher in this change with thoughtfulness and care. We are a group that works well collaboratively, and we are committed to making sound decisions for our community and the education of our students. Thus far, the primary focus of our work has been developing a budget proposal for our newly merged district. The ERUUSD budget is up \$513,300 from the total of the two district budgets approved last year; a 2.99% increase, which is below the state and county averages. Increases in the merged budget are found through reinstituting a full-time principal at Richford Elementary School, moving a grant funded position into the local budget at Enosburg Elementary School, a 10% increase in health care costs, as well as a 3% increase in negotiated salaries. Primary decreases are from reduced Supervisory Union assessments for Transportation and Special Education.

We have worked hard to present a fiscally responsible budget that supports educational opportunity and success. We welcome our community members to join us at the scheduled informational meetings to gain clarity or to resolve any concerns or questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you.

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# ENOSBURGH-RICHFORD UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019

Voters should cast ballots in their town of residence:

## **ENOSBURGH**

**ENOSBURGH TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE** 

### RICHFORD

RICHFORD TOWN OFFICE

POLLS OPEN @ 10:00 POLLS CLOSE @ 7:00 PM

### **INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS:**

JUNE 24, 2019 @ 7PM RICHFORD HIGH SCHOOL GYM

JUNE 25, 2019 @ 7PM ENOSBURG FALLS HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM Enosburgh-Richford UUSD PO Box 130 Richford VT 05476

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# ENOSBURGH-RICHFORD UUSD PROPOSED FY20 BUDGET

	FY19 Budgeted	FY20 Proposed	FY19-20 Change
PROJECTED TAX RATE			
Budgeted Expenditures	\$17,138,661	\$17,651,957	\$513,296
less Local and Grant Revenue	\$4,520,277	\$4,142,880	(\$377,397)
equals Education Spending	\$12,618,384	\$13,509,077	\$890,693
divided by Equalized Pupils	957.18	965.99	8.81
equals Per Pupil Education Spending	\$13,183	\$13,985	\$802
divided by Dollar Yield	\$9,842	\$10,648	\$806
equals Equalized residential school tax rate	\$1.3395	\$1.3134	(\$0.0261)
divided by Enosburgh CLA	106.67%	105.16%	-1.51%
equals Enosburgh Local Residential Educati	\$1.2490		
divided by Richford CLA	103.56%	110.08%	6.52%
equals Richford Local Residential Education	Tax Rate	\$1.1931	
GENERAL FUND			
TOTAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN	\$366,487	\$341,960	(\$24,527)
TOTAL ELEMENTARY	\$4,135,474	\$4,633,459	\$442,328
TOTAL SECONDARY	\$10,450,362	\$10,442,594	(\$65,741)
TOTAL POST-SECONDARY	\$23,496	\$4,000	(\$19,496)
TOTAL DISTRICT-WIDE	\$2,162,842	\$2,229,944	\$67,102
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	\$17,138,661	\$17,651,957	\$513,296

FY20 EDUCATION SPENDING PER PUPIL

**Alburgh** \$17,664

Champlain Islands \$17,314

South Hero \$16,400

> Fletcher \$16.334

Maple Run \$15,777

\$15,521 State Average (FY19)

> MVU \$15,158

**Georgia** \$14,567

Northern Mountain Valley \$14,241

> Enosburgh-Richford: \$13,895

> > Fairfax \$13.096

Education Spending Per Pupil: \$13,985

divided by Dollar Yield: \$10,648

105.16%

Enosburgh CLA

\$1.2490

**Enosburgh** 

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110.08%

Richford

CLA

\$1.1931

Richford

**Rez Rate** 

equals Equalized Res. Tax Rate: \$1.3134

FY20 SPENDING divided by CLA equals:



Direct Instruction (55%) \$9,710,076

\$1,102,189

Instructional Support (4%) \$675,911

Student Support (6%)

School Board (0%) \$61,887

School Administration (8%) \$1,403,641

\$528,023
Transportation (2%)
\$425,650

Plant (11%) \$1,886,723 Central \$1,403,643 Services (11%) \$1,857,857

### **Enosburgh-Richford UUSD FY20 General Fund Budget**

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	FY18	FY19	FY19	FY20	FY19-20
	Actual	Budgeted	to Dec 31	Proposed	Change
GENERAL FUND REVENUE					
Local Revenue		\$2,842,576		\$2,792,426	(\$50,150)
Other Restricted		\$94,758		\$170,000	\$75,242
State Revenue		\$1,578,799		\$1,285,353	(\$293,446)
Federal Revenue		\$0		\$69,000	\$69,000
Other Revenue		\$4,144		(\$173,899)	(\$178,043)
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE		\$4,520,277		\$4,142,880	(\$377,397)
PROJECTED TAX RATE					
Budgeted Expenditures		\$17,138,661		\$17,651,957	\$513,296
less Local and Grant Revenue		\$4,520,277		\$4,142,880	(\$377,397)
equals Education Spending		\$12,618,384		\$13,509,077	\$890,693
divided by Equalized Pupils		957.18		965.99	8.81
equals Per Pupil Education Spending		\$13,183		\$13,985	\$802
divided by Dollar Yield		\$9,842		\$10,648	\$806
equals Equalized residential school tax ra	ite	\$1.3395		\$1.3134	(\$0.0261)
divided by Enosburgh CLA		106.67%		105.16%	-1.51%
equals Enosburgh Local Residential Education Tax Rate			\$1.2490		
divided by Richford CLA		103.56%		110.08%	6.52%
equals Richford Local Residential Education Tax Rate			\$1.1931		

#### A message from the Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union Business Manager

This is the first budget proposed by the Enosburgh-Richford Unified Union School District, which will operate Cold Hollow Career Center and Enosburg Falls Elementary, Richford Elementary, Enosburg Falls Middle-High, and Richford Junior-Senior High Schools.

Comparisons to prior years were made by adding the district expenses and approved budgets for FY18 and FY19 for the two town districts. The FY19 proposed tax rate shows what the rate for the two-town district would have been if those districts were merged in FY19, and there were no changes to the budgets.

Four factors set the equalized residential tax rate, the rate on your homestead property tax bill.

- Education Spending is the budget approved by voters each year, lowered by any expected revenues (like grants and interest). As Education Spending increases, the tax rate increases. This is the only part of the formula impacted by local boards and voters.
- The Equalized Pupil Count is a weighted count of the number of students in a district. As the Equalized Pupil Count increases, the tax rate decreases.
- The Property Dollar Equivalent Yield is an amount set by statute and revised annually by the Legislature. As the dollar yield increases, the tax rate decreases. This budget uses \$10,648, as set by the Legislature.
- The Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) measures the difference between listed property values and market value. As the CLA increases, the tax rate decreases.

Non-residential tax rates are set by the legislature and change based on the CLA. Local budget decisions do not change the non-residential tax rate assessed by the state.

Sincerely,

Morgan Daybell, Business Manager

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# **Enosburgh-Richford UUSD FY20 General Fund Budget**

	FY18	FY19	FY19	FY20	FY19-20
GENERAL FUND	Actual	Budgeted	to Dec 31	Proposed	Change
PRE-KINDERGARTEN					
Regular Education					
Direct Instruction	\$260,930	\$262,076	\$98,223	\$293,750	\$31,674
Total Regular Education	\$260,930	\$262,076	\$98,223	\$293,750 \$293,750	\$31,674
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Special Education					
Direct Instruction	\$28,108	\$104,411	\$16,429	\$48,210	(\$56,201)
Total Special Education	\$28,108	\$104,411	\$16,429	\$48,210	(\$56,201)
TOTAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN	\$289,038	\$366,487	\$114,652	\$341,960	(\$24,527)
ELEMENTARY					
Regular Education					
Direct Instruction	\$2,545,366	\$2,499,447	\$995,200	\$2,781,824	\$282,377
After School Program	\$6,958	\$15,000	\$0	\$46,000	\$31,000
Athletics	\$6,523	\$6,569	\$795	\$7,664	\$1,095
Co-Curricular	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Student Support	\$253,963	\$284,649	\$101,730	\$257,431	(\$27,218)
Instructional Support	\$146,068	\$146,882	\$62,887	\$162,352	\$15,470
School Administration	\$232,654	\$276,503	\$118,271	\$351,408	\$74,905
Plant	\$551,566	\$511,161	\$296,283	\$570,860	\$59,699
Transportation	\$2,778	\$5,600	\$400	\$10,600	\$5,000
Total Regular Education	\$3,745,876	\$3,745,811	\$1,575,566	\$4,188,139	\$442,328
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Special Education	<b>\$400.057</b>	#200 CC2	<b>\$200.74</b>	£445.000	<b>Ф</b> ГГ 0Г7
Direct Instruction	\$466,357	\$389,663	\$202,715	\$445,320	\$55,657
Total Special Education	\$466,357	\$389,663	\$202,715	\$445,320	\$55,657
TOTAL ELEMENTARY	\$4,212,233	\$4,135,474	\$1,778,281	\$4,633,459	\$442,328
SECONDARY					
Regular Education					
Direct Instruction	\$4,668,640	\$4,627,717	\$1,806,241	\$4,444,451	(\$183,266)
After School Program	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$35,000	\$5,000
Athletics	\$273,108	\$294,932	\$104,563	\$247,217	(\$47,715)
Co-Curricular	\$1,466	\$4,000	\$0	\$15,449	\$11,449
Student Support	\$676,742	\$787,281	\$191,238	\$764,991	(\$22,290)
Instructional Support	\$308,863	\$434,176	\$134,592	\$502,309	\$68,133
School Administration	\$799,259	\$799,581	\$397,239	\$881,914	\$82,333
Plant	\$1,140,582	\$1,114,177	\$573,169	\$1,143,100	\$28,923
Transportation	\$91,180	\$84,000	\$30,536	\$92,850	\$8,850
Debt Service	\$506,083	\$522,681	\$484,540	\$505,523	(\$17,158)
Total Regular Education	\$8,495,923	\$8,698,545	\$3,722,118	\$8,632,804	(\$65,741)
Special Education					
Direct Instruction	\$687,578	\$632,361	\$288,422	\$670,279	\$37,918
Total Special Education	\$687,578	\$632,361	\$288,422	\$670,279	\$37,918
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# **Enosburgh-Richford UUSD FY20 General Fund Budget**

	FY18	FY19	FY19	FY20	FY19-20
	Actual	Budgeted	to Dec 31	Proposed	Change
Vocational/Technical Education					
Direct Instruction	\$824,134	\$712,389	\$322,882	\$670,912	(\$41,477)
Student Support	\$38,268	\$79,668	\$29,648	\$79,767	\$99
Instructional Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,500	\$10,500
School Administration	\$158,844	\$171,250	\$80,453	\$170,319	(\$931)
Plant	\$146,298	\$154,649	\$77,138	\$169,813	\$15,164
Transportation	\$231	\$1,500	\$0	\$38,200	\$36,700
Total Vocational/Technical	\$1,167,775	\$1,119,456	\$510,121	\$1,139,511	(\$16,645)
TOTAL SECONDARY	\$10,351,276	\$10,450,362	\$4,520,661	\$10,442,594	(\$65,741)
POST-SECONDARY					
Regular Education					
Direct Instruction	\$39,472	\$23,496	\$387	\$4,000	(\$19,496)
Total Regular Education	\$39,472	\$23,496	\$387	\$4,000	(\$19,496)
TOTAL POST-SECONDARY	\$39,472	\$23,496	\$387	\$4,000	(\$19,496)
DISTRICT-WIDE					
Regular Education					
Instructional Support	\$0	\$750	\$0	\$750	\$0
General Administration	\$56,510	\$67,028	\$43,740	\$61,887	(\$5,141)
Central Services	\$781,667	\$793,586	\$396,793	\$814,060	\$20,474
Plant	\$2,515	\$5,200	\$964	\$2,950	(\$2,250)
Transportation	\$302,407	\$288,109	\$136,746	\$284,000	(\$4,109)
Debt Service	\$20,756	\$2,000	\$0	\$22,500	\$20,500
Total Regular Education	\$1,163,855	\$1,156,673	\$578,243	\$1,186,147	\$8,974
Special Education					
Central Services	\$950,134	\$1,006,169	\$503,084	\$1,043,797	\$37,628
Total Special Education	\$950,134	\$1,006,169	\$503,084	\$1,043,797	\$37,628
TOTAL DISTRICT-WIDE	\$2,113,989	\$2,162,842	\$1,081,327	\$2,229,944	\$67,102
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	\$17,006,008	\$17,138,661	\$7,495,308		\$513,296
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