

**Budget Vote March 7,**  
**Budget Voting Language**

*Shall the voters of Rutland City School District approve the school board to expend \$51,638,855 which is the amount the school board determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$14,896 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 4.1% higher than spending for the current year.*

**Q&A**

- ◆ How is it that the Cost Per Pupil is going up 4.1% but the education tax rate is forecasted to drop 4 cents?

Education property taxes are determined by many factors like the budget, grant revenues, child counts, local real estate values, and how much money the State needs to collect from all communities combined to pay everyone's budget. Particularly, Rutland City's Common Level of Appraisal reflected a drop in real estate values that gets reflected in a lower tax rate.



**Summary**

**FY18 Budget Up 2.4%**

**FY18 Taxes Down 2.7%  
(Estimated 4 cent tax rate drop)**

**Cost per Pupil Up 4.1%**



**Current/Estimated Tax Rates:**

Current FY17 1.5608  
FY18 Budget Vote 1.5187  
FY18 Income sensitivity cap 2.51%

Year	Employees	Net Reduction
FY13	508	
FY14	509	+ 1
FY15	496	-13
FY16	481	-15
FY17	469	-12
FY18	469	<u>0</u>
		Net -39

**Accomplishments**

- Vermont's largest Orchestra Program, beginning grade 4
- 14 Advanced Placement Courses at RHS
- STEM/Robotics Programs - RIS, RMS & RHS
- Roland, Einstein, Dartmouth and other Fellowships and Awards won by teachers
- STEM Labs and Maker Spaces at Grades 3-12
- Arts, Activities and Athletics achieve recognition in State and regionally
- NE and NW Wellness Award winners
- K-6 Next Generation Science Teams at NE, NE, and RIS
- Tapestry & EPIC 5-STAR accredited after-school and summer programs serve 400+ students and support student centered learning
- 4 World Languages offered at RHS (French, German, Spanish, and Chinese)
- Dual Enrollment offered at RHS with State Colleges and UVM
- Global Studies, STEM Concentrations and Internships at RHS
- STEM Academy at RHS/STC
- Students accepted at major colleges and universities across the US
- RHS & NW Principals and Assistant Principals recognized as Principals of The Year

*If you have more questions about the budget, tax rates or Vermont State education funding, please see the school system's website or call us.*

*Thank you.*

Photos from Rutland Public Schools



# SCHOOL BUDGET

## March 7

### FY-2018

# INFORMATION

Info Meeting:  
Monday, March 6th at 6:30 P.M. at  
Longfellow Administration Building

Please Vote Tuesday, March 7th at  
the following locations:

WARD 1 - Godnick Center

WARD 2 - Christ the King School

WARD 3 - American Legion

WARD 4 - Cavalry Bible Church

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Permit No. 5

## Please Vote on March 7

Dear Citizen,

The 2017-18 budget reflects an increase of 2.4% from the prior year. It represents a 4.1% increase in cost per pupil but an expected tax rate decrease of 2.7% or drop of about 4 cents. In the past 5 years, 39 positions have been eliminated due to declining enrollment or different approaches to serving children.

We believe that a strong school system benefits everyone in the community and helps to move Rutland City forward. Thank you for voting.

Rutland City Board of School Commissioners

*Dick Courcelle, Chair*  
*Rob Kurchena, Clerk*  
*Hurley Cavacas, Jr.*  
*Peter Fagan*  
*Alison Notte*  
*Matthew Olewnik*  
*Joanne Pencak*  
*Erin Shimp*  
*Christian Wideawake*