

Town Meeting Information Night

Understanding the School Budget Proposal



ARTICLE 12
Shall the voters of the Springfield Town School District approve a salary of FIFTY and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50.00) per meeting for the Town School District Moderator for the ensuing year, the funds for which are included in the school budget?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 13
Shall the voters of the Springfield Town School District approve the payment to each School Board member of FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00) to help defray the costs and expenses incurred in serving in that office, the funds for which are included in the school budget?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 14

Shall the voters of the Springfield Town School District approve the School Board to spend THIRTY TWO MILLION, SIX HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY THREE and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$32,654,523.00), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$19,202 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 4.10% higher than spending for the current year.

YES

NO

ARTICLE 15

Shall the voters of the Springfield Town School District approve the School Board to spend ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED THIRTY THREE and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$125,333.00), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary (along with \$199,478.00 of federal grant monies) for the establishment of two full day, full year Prekindergarten classrooms for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed article, when added to Article 14, if approved, will result in total combined education spending of \$19,302 per equalized pupil. This combined projected spending per equalized pupil is 4.65% higher than spending for the current year.

YES

NO



What are the big financial differences in this budget proposal?

- \$125,333 in local funds for PreK (in article 15)
 - \$199,478 in state/federal funds
- Maintaining the mid-year Union Street additions
- Inflationary increases in staff salaries
- Increases in staff health insurance cost
 - More than \$500,000 increase
- Special Education continues to rise driven by 1:1 paras, supplemental services, and out-of-district placements

How Does This Compare to Requests Across the State?

- Tax Rate is determined by our usage of the state Education Fund
- Budgets around the state are asking for an additional **4.4% increase State Education Fund Spending**
- Springfield School District is asking for **3.9%**

Changes at Elm Hill School

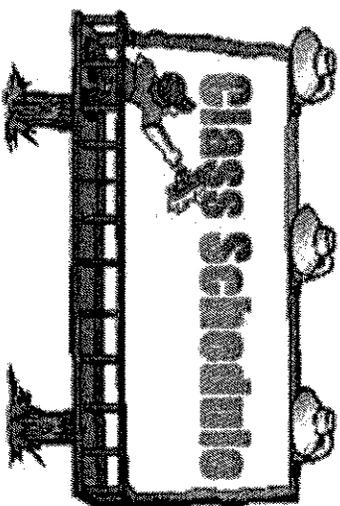
- 2nd grade will relocate to Union Street School with increased transition supports
- Available classrooms will be repurposed for pre-K program
- Pre-K playground will be added behind the school
- Additional bathrooms will be added to classrooms
- Professional staff will serve grades pre-K through 1st grade based on student needs and licensure

Changes at Union Street School

- One additional classroom needed for 2nd grade relocation to Union Street School
- 5th grade will relocate to Riverside Middle School, turning USS into a 2nd, 3rd, 4th grade school
- Professional staff will serve grades 2-4 based on student needs and licensure

5th Grade Schedule Basics

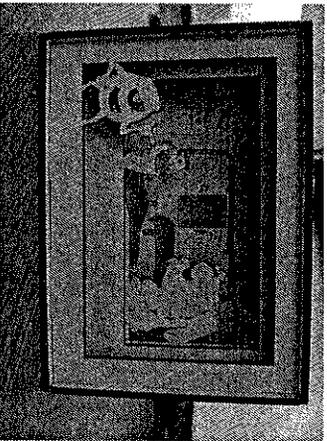
- 1) Multi-Age T3 (addition of 4-5 T3's)
- 2) Multi-Age $\frac{1}{2}$ Enrichments
- 3) Multi-Age lunch $\frac{1}{2}$
- 4) Potential additional recess
- 5) 5th Teachers
 - a) 2 - ELA - F-P Blocks
 - b) 2 - Math / Science / Social Studies



Changes at Riverside - Student opportunities

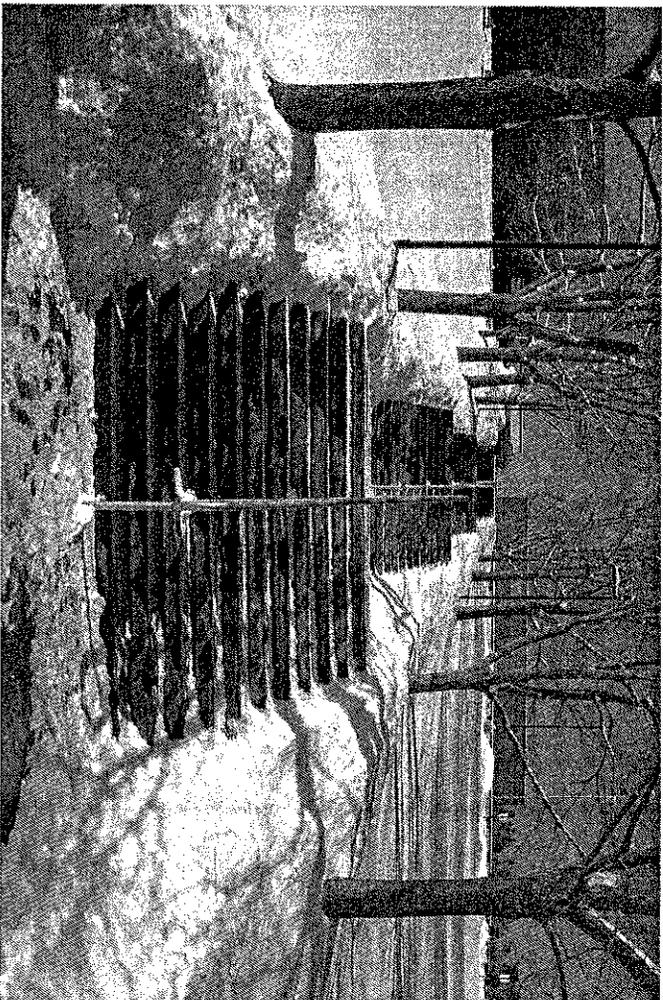
5th graders will have learning opportunities with:

- 1) Sports that start at RMS - examples: Track and Cross-Country
- 2) STEAM Department classes: Tech Ed, FACS, STEAM, Computer Science
- 3) Increase in Science and Social Studies
- 4) The Arts: Band, Chorus, Drama, Art
- 5) Onsite robust afterschool program



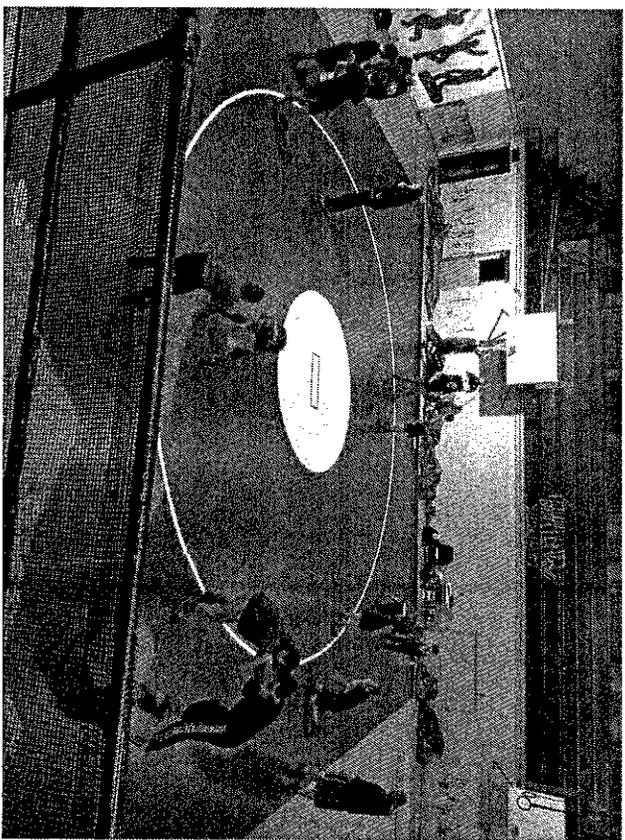
One New Position at the High School

- Restorative Practice and Student Support Specialist (GRANT FUNDED)

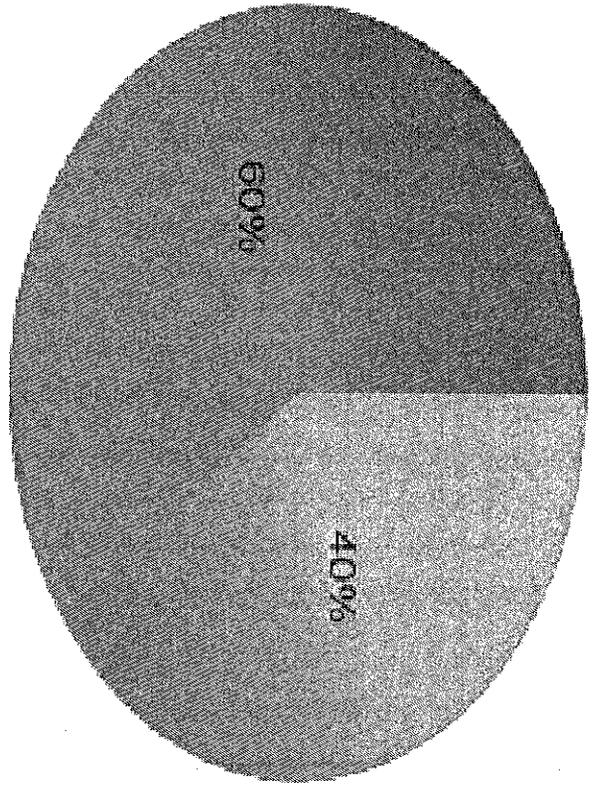


Shifts in Athletics

- Indoor Track will become full varsity sport
- Wrestling will become full varsity sport



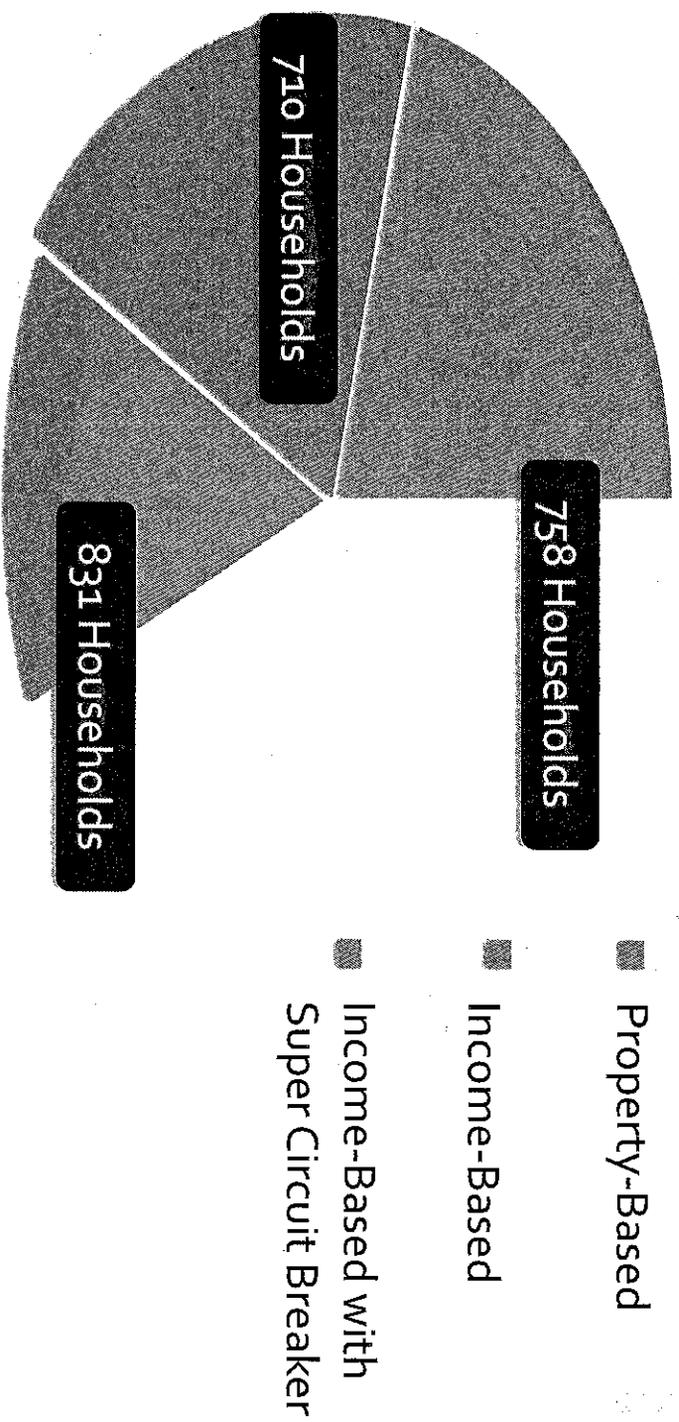
Taxes Impacts in Springfield are Not the Same for All



- Non-Residential
- Residential



Residential Summary



Source: Vermont Department of Taxes, 2020 Annual Report

Larry the Landlord



Under Current Proposed Budget

- Owns three apartment buildings that the town values at

0.0834¢ Increase = \$417 Increase

- He lives out of town and has no homestead in Springfield.

**Total Change =
\$ 417 Increase**

Nancy the Nurse



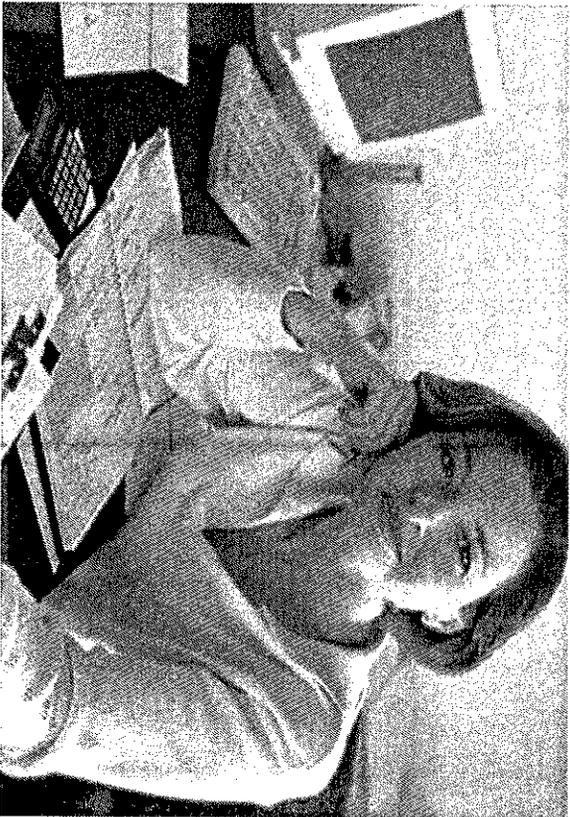
Under Current Proposed Budget

- Household Income
\$165,000
- Home Value
\$280,000

\$0.0639d Increase = \$179 Increase

Total Change =
\$ 179 Increase

Betsey the Bookkeeper



Under Current Proposed Budget

- Household Income
\$50,000

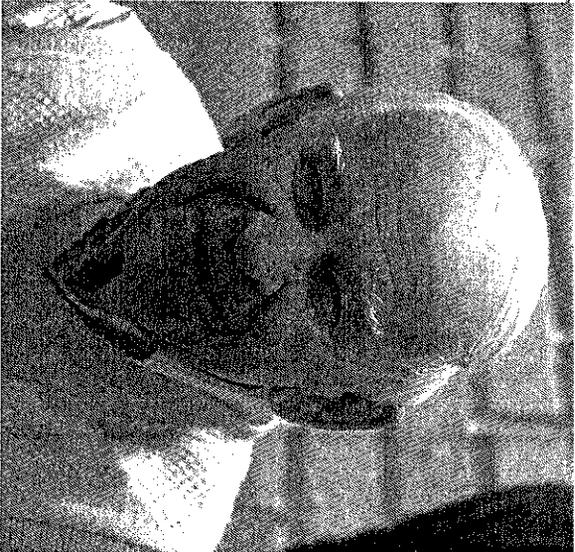
2.87% income cap = \$25 Increase

- Home Value \$150,000

If paying base ~~X~~ property = \$95

Total Change =
\$ 25 Increase

Ralph the Retiree



Under Current Proposed Budget

■ Household Income
\$20,000 (Social Security)

Increase only if Social Security
increases.

■ Home Value \$100,000

If paying base tax on property = \$ 64

Total Change = \$ 0

Tax Increases Based on Budget Changes



Larry the Landlord (Non-Res)



Nancy the Nurse



Betsey the Bookkeeper



Ralph the Retiree

Budget

+417

+179

+25

No Change

As Proposed

40% of grand list

831 house-holds

710 house-holds

758 house-holds