

Questions and Answers to Inform Decoupling Vote
February 24, 2021 Stockbridge, VT

What number of incoming tuition kids are accounted for on each budget for each campus and why?

The number of tuition students in Stockbridge Central School is 2 and Rochester Elementary School is 20. Those are the numbers used when calculating the tuition revenue received in the stand alone district budgets.

The question was raised last night that there are funds that came from both Rochester and Stockbridge that have specific use and purpose requirements and can it be determined that those have been and are being allocated and depicted on the budgets as such?

Through the Fiscal Audits prior to the merger and each year thereafter we are able to determine the fund balances if they were agreed to be maintained at the individual building level; any combined funds would need to be split at an agreed upon amount similar to how it was done when the original merger agreement was made.

The debt has to be agreed upon between the two towns and presented to the Board of Education.

Is there a way to evaluate the pre merger Rochester and pre merger Stockbridge numbers compared to the recently represented budget snapshot details so that there can be an understanding of where the drastic changes derive from?

Per the Agency of Education, but please remember this includes phantom students prior to the merger.

Rochester Per Pupil Spending	Stockbridge Per Pupil Spending
2014-2015 \$13,813.50	2014-2015 \$15,917.54
2015-2016 \$14,158.55	2015-2016 \$15,065.04
2016-2017 \$15,558.45	2016-2017 \$15,292.34
2017-2018 \$16,388.59	2017-2018 \$16,398.07

Rochester Stockbridge Unified District Per Agency of Education 3 prior years spending for 2021-2022 Budget file:

2018-2019 \$17,247.67
2019-2020 \$18,254.84
2020-2021 \$18,755.53
2021-2022 \$18,740.04

Are there reporting capabilities that can be utilized to make presentations more visibly understandable without diminishing the level of detail?

Showing the expenditures by location code and function code may be an easier format to understand rather than showing each individual object code as a whole district; this would be similar to what was presented when the Business Office was asked to break the budget down by location.

We continue to also provide updated monthly expenditure and revenue projections to the board and made available in the board packets. These can be found by accessing the following link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/18zsw6EjXbOLEjXHM2GVH-_qDO4IKKD8Q