The Winooski School District (WSD) Board of Trustees continually works with the administration to invest in the needs of our complex student population while respecting the increasing issue of affordability.

### Do Your Part

VOTE on March 5, 2019 at the Senior Center on Barlow Street, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

WSD BOTTOM LINE

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Winooski School District ENDS Statement

All students will graduate from the Winooski School District (WSD) college and career ready at a cost supported by a majority of the Winooski community. WSD students will lead healthy, productive and successful lives and engage with their local and global community.

### Time to Learn about the School Budget!

Voting takes place March 5th, 2019 at the Senior Center on Barlow Street. This piece will help you understand the issues you will be voting on. We hope you will find it informative.

**WANT MORE BUDGET INFORMATION?**

Monday, March 4, 2019

Annual Meeting - Performing Arts Center
Winooski Educational Center
6:00 p.m. - City Budget Presentation
7:30 p.m. - School Budget Presentation
**Winooski School District Graduate Expectations (GXs) and Graduate Proficiencies (GPs)**

“What do our students need to succeed?” The answers to that question were distilled into our six GXs:

- Critical Thinking
- Wellbeing
- Communication
- Creativity
- Persistence
- Culture and Community

Currently, students demonstrate the first two GXs in order to graduate, with all required by 2022. Each is assessed through a multi-stage performance-based assessment and final demonstration of learning during our Expo Weeks in January and June. Students are also assessed for graduation in 19 academic proficiency areas and through skill tests in reading and mathematics.

Our innovations include the iLab for fully personalized learning, a self-paced Math Lab for students at all levels, integration of technology in language learning, and numerous student-driven core courses. We also invest in student voice and leadership training, which is integrated with our expanded advisory curriculum. With support from the Rowland and Barr Foundations, Winooski is currently invested in student-driven core courses.

**COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS**

WHS students and teachers have partnered with VT Folklife Center, Physician’s Computer Company (PCC), City of Winooski, The Generator and UVM Rubenstein Lab at ECHO Lake Aquarium to create proficiency and community-based learning projects to meet graduation requirements. Two WHS students received educational awards from Next Gen Personal Finance (NGPF) for their submission to the 2nd Annual Payback Challenge: Michaela Parris received $500 for honorable mention; and Khellmar (OL) During received $5,000 for being a National Grand Prize winner!! What an amazing honor for both of these 2nd year students!

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

WMS 8th graders had a wonderful fall Expedition called litters & Joy: What is the relationship between courage and happiness? that began at the Vermont Comedy Club where they participated in a workshop with local actors. WMS 7th & 8th graders launched Government Comes Alive! How to Make Change in My Community by meeting Winooski City Manager Jessie Baker and developing ideas to improve our community.

Lastly, WSD continues to support our community by raising over $65,000 in the past six years for VT Special Olympics by engaging community by raising over $65,000 in the past six years for VT Special Olympics by engaging.

**HEALTHY, PRODUCTIVE AND SUCCESSFUL LIVES**

WSD continues to focus on improving student’s readiness to learn through multiple aspects of wellness. JFK Elementary earned the “VT Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS) Exemplar Award” this year for their fantastic work in building a system based on data that has had a positive impact on academic and behavioral outcomes.

WMHS has worked diligently to establish a fabulous Advisory Program so all students are known well by at least one adult and have a trusting small community of their peers within our Middle/High School.

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**Historical Education Spending and Tax Rates**

As you can see from the table at right, the school board has worked hard over the past eleven years to limit tax impact to an average of 2.2% annually while our student population has continued to increase. The Winooski School District remains one of the lowest spending districts per equalized pupil in the state. The most recent Per Pupil Spending rankings (2017) show WSD is 197/266. Each budget cycle, we work hard to allocate resources to those areas in the school system that need the most attention to allow us to continue to improve our outcomes for students.

Due to the complex state funding formula for education, the answer to the question “How will this affect my taxes?” can only accurately be answered with “It depends.” The two main dependencies are adjusted gross household income and house value. As you can see from the two tables below, if your household income is under $99,000 for the year, then your taxes are based on a percentage of income. If your adjusted gross household income is above $99,000 for the year, then taxes become based on house value with some degree of income sensitivity up to income of $136,500.

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*DO YOUR PART*

VOTE!

MARCH 5, 2019