

# Budget FY2021 Proposed Budget Tax Information

## Homestead Tax Rate:

The state-wide homestead yield passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor for fiscal year 2021 is \$10,998 which, based on the state's funding formula, produces a pre-CLA equalized homestead tax rate of \$1.4906 (per \$100 of property value) for SVUUSD. In setting the yield lower than was originally recommended by the Tax Commissioner, the VT legislature wanted to send the message that the issues with the Education Fund due to COVID19 would not be borne by taxpayers. The district will still be eligible for an Act 46 incentive in FY21 of \$.04. When the incentive is applied to the equalized tax rate it becomes \$1.4506. Actual tax rates are further adjusted for each town's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA).

<b>Equalized Tax Rate</b>		
<b>FY20</b>	<b>FY21</b>	<b>Change in Equalized Tax Rate</b>
\$1.4480	\$1.4506	\$0.0026

<b>Town</b>	<b>FY21 Equalized Tax Rate</b>	<b>CLA</b>	<b>FY21 Homestead Tax Rate</b>	<b>Change in Tax Rate Compared to FY20</b>
Benson	\$1.4506	103.14%	\$1.4064	\$0.0770
Castleton	\$1.4506	94.78%	\$1.5305	\$0.0419
Hubbardton	\$1.4506	93.21%	\$1.5563	\$0.0713
Fair Haven	\$1.4506	108.59%	\$1.3359	(\$0.0046)
West Haven	\$1.4506	97.20%	\$1.4924	\$0.1628
Orwell	\$1.4506	102.11%	\$1.4206	(\$0.0202)

<b>Cost Per Equalized Pupil</b>		
<b>FY20 Cost per Equalized Pupil</b>	<b>FY21 Cost per Equalized Pupil</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
\$16,073.94*	\$16,393.68	1.99%

\*Amount that appeared in the March 2019 warning. The cost per equalized pupil actually ended up being slightly lower due to adjustments in the number of equalized pupils made after the warning was finalized.

## Income Sensitivity:

Some taxpayers pay their education property taxes based on household income. The FY21 household income cap percentage is 2.42%. In FY20 it was 2.36%. The following are the percent of homestead taxpayers by town that paid their property taxes based on income in tax year 2019.

<b>Town</b>	<b>% Based on Income</b>
Benson	66.08%
Castleton	66.07%
Hubbardton	70.71%
Fair Haven	65.26%
West Haven	80.95%
Orwell	75.25%