

# FY 2023 PROPOSED BUDGET

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## CHAMPLAIN ISLANDS UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

February 28, 2022

The board would like to acknowledge the commitment of staff, parents, students, administration and the broader community that has kept our campuses open for learning. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone for the important role they continue to play in order to have teachers and students together in the classroom. The Board would also like to acknowledge the dedication of our staff as they constantly prioritize both the education and the social & emotional health of our CIUUSD students.

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# THE GOALS OF THE CIUUSD

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The ACT 46 Study Committee identified  
**“Expanding student opportunities while reorganizing into more financially sustainable governance structure(s) underscored the Committee's focus.”** in the Executive Summary of the ACT 46 Report

# BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

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- **Decrease of 13 7-12 tuition students.**
- **Addition of \$85,000/year for 3 years for Grand Isle Boiler Lease (to own).**
- **Addition of a 1.0 FTE Reading Specialist.**
- **Addition of a 1.0 FTE Social/Emotional Interventionist.**
- **Additional Curriculum Support Materials.**

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR TAXPAYERS

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ACT 46 provided incentives for voluntary mergers. In the fourth year that incentive is a 2 cent reduction of the merged districts combined tax rate.

# EQUALIZED PUPILS

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Not to be confused with the number of students attending or the number of students in the school district, the Equalized Pupil count is the weighted average number of pupils. This number is determined by the state. It is the number used for the Homestead Tax rate calculation.

<b>FY2023</b>	<b>FY2022</b>	<b>FY2021</b>
406.44	404.54	410.54

# BUDGET FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

<b>FY 2023 CIUUSD</b>				
	<b>2023 Budget</b>	<b>2022 Budget</b>	<b>Increase or (Decrease)</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Operational	<b>\$4,895,139</b>	<b>\$4,650,628</b>	<b>\$244,511</b>	<b>5.3 %</b>
Tuition	<b>\$3,035,856</b>	<b>\$3,245,945</b>	<b>\$(210,089)</b>	<b>(6.5%)</b>
Special Ed/EEE/Title 1 (net)	<b>\$808,465</b>	<b>\$588,497</b>	<b>\$219,968</b>	<b>37.4%</b>
Total Expenses	<b>\$8,739,460</b>	<b>\$8,485,070</b>	<b>\$254,390</b>	<b>3.0 %</b>
Total Revenues	<b>(\$1,103,400)</b>	<b>(\$1,157,790)</b>	<b>(\$54,390)</b>	<b>(.05%)</b>
<b>NET EDUCATION SPENDING</b>	<b>\$7,636,060</b>	<b>\$7,327,280</b>	<b>\$308,780</b>	<b>4.2%</b>
<b>NET COST PER PUPIL</b>	<b>\$18,788</b>	<b>\$18,175</b>	<b>\$613</b>	<b>3.4%</b>

# THE PROPERTY TAX FORMULA

## EXPENDITURES

**\$8,739,460**

Expenditures are the total dollars a school district intends to spend.

## MINUS LOCAL REVENUES

**\$1,103,400**

Local revenues are money the district has or is owed (e.g., federal dollars, state aid for special education, transportation, tuitions, surplus, interest).

## EDUCATION SPENDING

**\$7,636,060**

Education spending is the amount that needs to be raised by education property taxes, augmented by the Education Fund.

## DIVIDED BY EQUALIZED PUPILS

**406.44**

Equalized pupils is a two-year weighted average.

## ED SPENDING PER EQUALIZED PUPIL

**\$18,788**

Ed spending divided by equalized pupils.

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## PROPERTY TAX YIELD PER \$1 OF TAX RATE

\$12,937

Formerly referred to as the Base Amount, which is set by the state and used to compare to a district's education spending per equalized pupil.

## EQUALIZED TAX RATE TO BE PRORATED

\$1.43

Ed spending per equalized pupil divided by property tax yield, less 2-cent Act 46

## COMMON LEVEL OF APPRAISAL

**Grand Isle**

**91.53%**

**Isle La Motte**

**90.29%**

**North Hero**

**88.60%**

CLA is the ratio of the town's listed property values versus the state's estimated values. The state's value is set by actual sales averaged over three years.

## ESTIMATED HOMESTEAD TAX RATE

**Grand Isle**

**\$1.566**

**Isle La Motte**

**\$1.588**

**North Hero**

**\$1.619**

Equalized tax rate divided by the CLA. This is multiplied by the assessed value of your home and divided by 100. The resulting education tax is added to the municipal tax to calculate your total property tax due.



# OTHER SITUATIONS...

## INCOME SENSITIVITY

- **Taxes based on income instead of property value.**
  - Tax liability can be based on taxable income for household income up to \$136,900 for 2021 tax year.
- **You must apply for a property tax adjustment.**
  - Download forms at:  
<http://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/property-tax-adjustment-claim>.
- **Estimated income percentage**
  - All three towns     **2.42%**

## ESTIMATED NON-HOMESTEAD TAX RATE

•Grand Isle	<b>1.619</b>
•Isle La Motte	<b>1.641</b>
•North Hero	<b>1.673</b>

•Non homestead base rate divided by CLA. The resulting non-homestead rate is multiplied by the assessed value, divided by 100, and added to the municipal tax to determine your non-homestead property tax.

# HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT

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- Based on total adjusted Household Income
- Covers “Homestead”
  - Residence and surrounding land (up to 2 acres)
- Must be Vermont resident all year and not a dependent
- Must file Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Credit Claim annually

# FY 2023 CIUUSD Proposed School Budget Detail

	2023 Budget	2022 Budget	Increase or (Decrease)	Notes
<b>Instructional</b>	<b>\$5,016,230</b>	<b>\$5,051,855</b>	<b>(\$35,625)</b>	<b>Decrease due to lower tuition costs</b>
<b>Title 1</b>	<b>\$18,841</b>	<b>\$18,841</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
<b>Pre K</b>	<b>\$151,428</b>	<b>\$154,263</b>	<b>(\$2,834)</b>	
<b>Special Education</b>	<b>\$539,667</b>	<b>\$361,787</b>	<b>\$177,879</b>	<b>BI and Social &amp; Emotional Interventionists</b>
<b>EEE (early education)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
<b>Student Body Activities</b>	<b>\$97,956</b>	<b>\$51,956</b>	<b>\$46,000</b>	<b>Exploratory</b>
<b>Summer School</b>	<b>\$573</b>	<b>\$1,650</b>	<b>(\$1,077)</b>	
<b>Guidance</b>	<b>\$88,146</b>	<b>\$84,622</b>	<b>\$3,523</b>	.
<b>Health Services</b>	<b>\$224,104</b>	<b>\$236,905</b>	<b>(\$12,801)</b>	<b>Lower Health Services Assessment</b>
<b>Library &amp; Technology</b>	<b>\$134,814</b>	<b>\$76,618</b>	<b>\$58,196</b>	<b>.8 FTE Technology Support</b>
<b>Board of Education</b>	<b>\$39,601</b>	<b>\$39,101</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
<b>Assessment from Grand Isle Supervisory Union (GISU)</b>	<b>\$649,006</b>	<b>\$636,191</b>	<b>\$12,815</b>	
<b>Principal Services (includes most school office expenses)</b>	<b>\$462,632</b>	<b>\$457,567</b>	<b>\$5,065</b>	
<b>Spec. Ed Assessment (GISU)</b>	<b>\$263,799</b>	<b>\$392,743</b>	<b>(\$128,944)</b>	

## FY 2023 CIUUSD Proposed School Budget Detail (cont)

	2023 Budget	2022 Budget	Increase or (Decrease)	Notes
Short Term Loans	\$89,566	\$0	\$89,566	New Wood Pellet Boiler Lease to Purchase
Operations/Maintenance	\$586,566	\$553,513	\$33,053	Wage/Benefits increase
Transportation	\$336,532	\$327,459	\$9,073	Per Bus contract
Food Service Transfers	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0	Food service allocation
Other Outlays	\$0	\$0	\$0	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$8,739,460</b>	<b>\$8,485,070</b>	<b>\$254,389</b>	<b>3.0%</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,103,400</b>	<b>\$1,157,790</b>	<b>(\$54,390)</b>	<b>(.047%)</b>
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# COMMON LEVEL OF APPRAISAL (CLA)

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This is the ratio applied by the state to equalize local grand lists to reflect market conditions for property value. It is established annually by the Vermont Department of Taxes. This is necessary because we start with a statewide tax rate and that rate is modified to reflect the local housing market. A value of less than 100 indicates that on average properties are being sold for more than the local assessment. A reduction in the CLA results in an increase in the actual tax rate.

TOWN	2023	2022	CHANGE
GRAND ISLE	91.53%	95.41%	(3.88%)
ISLE LA MOTTE	90.29%	97.11%	(6.82%)
NORTH HERO	88.60%	92.86%	(4.26%)

# HOW DO WE COMPARE?

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- To previous years' tax rates?

<b>Isle La Motte Tax Rates</b>			
	<b>FY2023</b> *Estimated	<b>FY2022</b>	<b>FY2021</b>
Homestead	<b>1.588</b>	<b>1.699</b>	<b>1.591</b>
Non Homestead	<b>1.641</b>	<b>1.73</b>	<b>1.612</b>

**PROJECTED TAX RATE IMPACT TAX LIABILITY BY  
\$222 ON A \$200,000 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT**

# HOW DO WE COMPARE?

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- To previous years' tax rates?

<b>North Hero Tax Rates</b>			
	<b>FY2023</b> *Estimated	<b>FY2022</b>	<b>FY2021</b>
Homestead	<b>1.6191</b>	<b>1.679</b>	<b>1.687</b>
Non Homestead	<b>1.673</b>	<b>1.73</b>	<b>1.714</b>

**PROJECTED TAX RATE IMPACT TAX LIABILITY BY  
\$120 ON A \$200,000 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT**

# HOW DO WE COMPARE?

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- To previous years' tax rates?

<b>Grand Isle Tax Rates</b>			
	<b>FY2023</b> *Estimated	<b>FY2022</b>	<b>FY2021</b>
Homestead	<b>1.566</b>	<b>1.633</b>	<b>1.613</b>
Non Homestead	<b>1.619</b>	<b>1.730</b>	<b>1.639</b>

**PROJECTED TAX RATE IMPACT TAX LIABILITY BY  
\$134 ON A \$200,000 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT**



# Proposed Capital Reserve Fund

In Article 4, the CIUUSD Board asks voters to establish a capital reserve fund.

Any audited end-of-year surplus from FY 2022 will be deposited into this account.

The fund is intended to finance future maintenance and improvements to the CIUUSD school buildings - Grand Isle Campus, North Hero Campus, and Isle La Motte Campus. All expenses using funds from the capital reserve require board approval.

Depositing surplus funds into the capital reserve requires annual voter approval.

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# PLEASE VOTE TUESDAY MARCH 1

GRAND ISLE TOWN OFFICES 7 A.M. - 7 P.M.

ISLE LA MOTTE TOWN OFFICES 9 A.M. - 7 P.M.

NORTH HERO TOWN OFFICES 7 A.M. - 7 P.M.

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