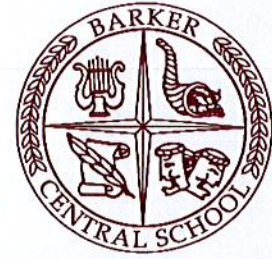


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Dear Barker Community,

This spring the District presented a budget plan to the voters of the community that estimated the tax rates for the 2022-2023 school year to be close to those in place for the 2021-2022 school year. These estimates were developed with the known information at that time and it was noted that the estimated rates could change if circumstances changed.

Since the budget was passed by the voters, some of the factors that are used to calculate the tax rates did not end up as we had expected. However, at the same time the expected year-end expenses of the District for the 2021-2022 school year were lower than were projected prior to the budget vote.

Due to these two changes, we are extremely happy to let you all know that we were still able to meet or stay under the projected tax rate for most of the towns within the school district. We were able to do this by slightly reducing the tax levy for the upcoming year and using a slightly increased amount of the year-end surplus that was not anticipated.

As noted last year in a letter sent to all taxpayers with your 2021-2022 tax bills, it was expected to see an increase in tax rates this year due to how the circumstances surrounding the Power Plant changed. However, as noted in the letter last year, we were able to meet what we projected a year ago and keep your taxes at or very close to what you saw during the 2020-2021 school year.

This is just another step in our ongoing efforts to provide the best education we can to our students at a cost that is reasonable and affordable to the residents of our community.

As always, if you have any questions related to your tax bills, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

We thank you again for your ongoing support of the District and our kids. Please continue staying safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Reimer", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jacob Reimer
Superintendent