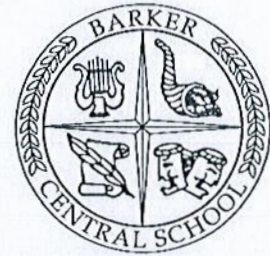


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Dear Barker Community,

We cannot thank you enough for your support of the District over the past year. Passing our \$25 Million dollar capital project in the winter, and the District budget this spring, shows how much the community supports the students of Barker. We have a lot going for us right now and your continued support is paramount to that success.

During the last few years, we have been providing additional information about taxes in letters such as this and we wanted to do so again this year.

As we have noted in past communications, one of our goals has been to plan for the long-term stability of the District while also trying to reduce year-to-year volatility in tax bills. This year is no different as we kept the tax levy increase to 2%, which will support our long-term goals.

However, while the tax levy is increasing by just 2%, not all tax rates or tax bills will be increasing by this amount. The reason for this is due to how tax rates are calculated by the county based upon numerous factors that are out of the District's control. One of these factors was noted two years ago in a letter sent to all taxpayers with the 2021-2022 tax bills, when we explained there would almost undoubtedly be changes in tax rates as the circumstances surrounding the Power Plant changed. This year the value of the plant decreased by a sizeable amount, which further impacted the tax rates for those living in the Town of Somerset.

Depending on the town you live in, the tax rates and bills for the 2023-2024 school year will vary. You can see how the tax rates have changed for each town that is part of the Barker Central School District by viewing the full tax warrant found on the District website under the tax information webpage.

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", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jacob Reimer, Ed.D.
Superintendent