

DRAFT: Summary of the Subset of Districts Currently Without Voter Approval for an FY21 Budget

There are 20 districts that do not currently have FY21 school budgets.

- 11 of these districts have not yet had a district vote
- 9 districts voted on town meeting and the budget request defeated
- These 20 districts represent 22% of FY20 education spending ~\$315M and 21% of equalized pupils. The number of FY21 equalized pupils represented is 18,467.
- The average increases requested for the subset of districts¹ are identified in the table below:

Table 1: Average Increases for all 20 Districts without an FY21 Budget

	FY20 Total	FY21 Total	% Change	% Range (min, max)
Budgeted Spending (\$M)	\$396	\$402	1.4%	(-8.3%, 18.9%)
Education Spending (\$M)	\$310	\$325	4.7%	(-0.8%, 21.7%)
Education Spending Per Pupil	\$16,880	\$17,865	5.8%	(1.4%, 16.0%)
Equalized Pupils	18,689	18,467	-1.2%	(-11.6%, 5.0%)

11 districts which have not yet been able to vote on their FY21 school budgets.

- These districts represent 11% of total FY20 education spending and 10% of FY20 equalized pupils.
- The average increases requested for the subset of districts where the vote has not yet occurred are summarized below:

Table 2: Average Increases for the 11 Districts where no vote has occurred

	FY20 Total	FY21 Total	% Change	% Range (min, max)
Budgeted Spending (\$M)	\$201	\$196	-2.4%	(-8.3%, 9.1%)
Education Spending (\$M)	\$153	\$159	4.0%	(-0.8%, 10.9%)
Education Spending Per Pupil	\$17,148	\$18,043	5.2%	(1.4%, 13.1%)
Equalized Pupils	9,219	9,083	-1.5%	(-11.6%, 3.0%)

9 districts had a failed budget vote – 2 of which coincided with failed school construction bond votes (Slate Valley and South Burlington).

- These districts represent 11% of total FY20 education spending and 11% of FY20 equalized pupils.
- The average increases requested for the subset of districts where the vote has not yet occurred are summarized below:

Table 3: Average Increases for the 9 Districts where Budget was defeated

	FY20 Total	FY21 Total	% Change	% Range (min, max)
Budgeted Spending (\$M)	\$196	\$206	5.3%	(0.5%, 18.9%)
Education Spending (\$M)	\$157	\$166	5.5%	(-0.5%, 21.7%)
Education Spending Per Pupil	\$16,620	\$17,698	6.5%	(2.3%, 16.0%)
Equalized Pupils	9,471	9,384	-0.9%	(-3.2%, 5.0%)

¹ U080 (Granville-Hancock) and U081 (Rochester-Stockbridge) do not yet have finalized/warned FY21 budgets - excluded for overall subset calculations.

Preliminary FY21 Statewide Averages

For reference the same information is detailed for the preliminary average statewide increases provided by AOE for the districts that had reported board approved budgets prior to town meeting 2020².

Table 4: Preliminary Statewide Average Increases for FY21 for Reporting Districts

	FY20 Total	FY21 Total	% Change	% Range (min, max) ³
Budgeted Spending (\$M)	\$1,305	\$1,356	3.9%	(-2.0%, 15.0%)
Education Spending (\$M)	\$1,067	\$1,114	4.4%	(-5.1%, 19.7%)
Education Spending Per Pupil	\$16,190	\$16,991	4.9%	(-3.9%, 17.4%)
Equalized Pupils	65,909	65,577	-0.5%	(-7.6%, 7.2%)

²<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2020/WorkGroups/House%20Ways%20and%20Means/Education/W~Brad%20James~Preliminary%20Town%20Meeting%20Budget%20Data~3-10-2020.pdf>

³ For the statewide calculations ranges are based on the 5th and 95th percentiles.