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Mont Vernon School District Voting

Mont Vernon School District follows the guidelines of Senate Bill 2 (SB2) which are outlined in RSA 40:13. Voting on budgets, appropriations, and other articles culminates with ballot voting; however, prior to the March ballot vote is the Deliberative Session in February and the Public Hearing in January.

All warrant articles that are presented at the Deliberative Session, including articles that are amended, are then placed on the official ballot and moved to the second session (ballot voting) of the annual meeting for a final vote. Please contact the Mont Vernon Town Clerk for voter registration information and for absentee ballots:

<https://www.montvernonnh.us/town-clerk>

Ballot Vote: March 10, 2026, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Mont Vernon Village School

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT THIRTY-NINE

Amherst, Mont Vernon, and Souhegan Cooperative School Districts



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Introduction Mont Vernon School District For Mont Vernon Residents

February 2026

The Mont Vernon School District is governed by a School Board that cares deeply about students' educational experience and the community's impact.

The Board adopted and committed to the 2025-2026 school year goals:

- Effectively manage the tuition agreement requirements and opportunities

- Finalize the building options

- Work with the SAU team to review and revise the Mont Vernon Village School building CIP/CNA based on the conclusion(s) of the building study project

- Increase Communication

The Mont Vernon faculty and staff have embraced the opportunity to provide research and evidence-based practices in all areas. The work in mathematics and literacy has resulted in increased student achievement.

This year's warrant includes a proposed budget that shows a 5% increase and is \$57,404 above the default budget, driven mostly by health insurance and transportation costs. Additional key articles are: an important open enrollment article and a new tuition agreement with the Amherst School District. All articles are unanimously supported by the board and budget committee.

As you review the warrant and accompanying articles, you will notice a change. Due to state law, information that used to be provided separately is now included on the warrant itself. The School Board was joined by an Advisory Budget Committee to review and provide insights on the budget. Their vote is also included in each article on the Warrant.

We hope this Voter Guide provides the information necessary to make an informed decision.

Thank you for your care as you review the budget and information.



2025-2026



MONT VERNON VILLAGE SCHOOL



OUR SCHOOL

- Student population: 236
 - Grades K-6
 - Student Enrollment: 236
 - K-3: Self-Contained Classrooms
 - 4-6: Humanities & STEM Teacher



ENGAGING ACADEMICS

- US News 2026 Rankings: Top 2% of NH Public Elementary Schools
- 2025 MVVS State Assessment Achievement:
 - 84% Proficiency in Mathematics
 - 77% Proficiency in Literacy



CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

- Evidence-based literacy curriculum
- High-quality mathematics curriculum with a strong focus on conceptual understanding, building a solid foundation for mathematics
- Play-based learning opportunities for our youngest learners



SUPPORT FOR THE WHOLE STUDENT

- Centered on our core values - SOARing - Respect, Kindness, Safety, and Responsibility
- Responsive school/classroom emphasis on each student's needs.
- Weekly classroom guidance lessons



PARENT ENGAGEMENT

- Active PTA who sponsor events and provide ongoing support to our school and community
- Opportunities for parent volunteers
- Monthly Principal Coffees which foster conversations about our school.



SPECIALS

- Art, Music, Physical Education
- Weekly Library/Tech Class
- Weekly classroom guidance lessons



STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

- Cocurricular experiences: STEAM , Art, Flag Football, and more!
- Falcon Flight Club - Student Leadership team launched this year.
- Ongoing leadership opportunities including mentoring, library helpers, etc.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- MVVS Community events include Grandparent/Special Friend Day, Operation Pumpkin, Spring Gala, Literacy Night, Math Carnival, and many more.
- We are united with the Mont Vernon community to work together for our students.

Engage, Challenge, and Support Each Learner

Mont Vernon Village School

Principal: Tom Lecklider

Mont Vernon School Board Report

The Mont Vernon Village School (MVVS) has had another year of strong educational results for our students. Thank you for your continued support of the school, students, teachers, administration, and support staff, making MVVS a special learning environment. Principal Tom Lecklider, his staff, and the student body continue to embrace the S.O.A.R. spirit! I encourage you to visit the school to see and feel the excitement. 'Coffee with the Principal' and 'Lunch with a __ grader' are just two examples of how parents and community members can visit the school. Principal Lecklider's weekly newsletter is an outstanding way to keep informed of all the activities that are taking place. A big thank you to the PTA as they continue to engage the students and community with activities throughout the year.

Academically, our students continue to excel. National and state-level testing scores for math and reading are among the top in the state for all grades. Our specialist support staff also adds another level of focused learning to those children needing additional instruction. The MVVS physical building is in solid shape too. Some projects that have been completed this year include: 1) Fire system upgrade 2) Tree & limb removal 3) Playground steps and retaining wall rebuild 4) Gazebo update 5) Exterior door replacements 6) Library furniture replacement & 7) Classroom furniture upgrades. Your continued support of the long-term facilities fund warrant article allows us to plan for larger, more expensive projects and also helps moderate the tax impact of those projects. Future projects in our fund plan include 1) Water system upgrade 2) Boiler & pump replacements 3) HVAC 4) Additional tree work. Your support in voting yes on this warrant article each year provides the funding required to complete these larger projects.

The Board is currently finalizing a presentation for the MVVS Building Study Project. Our work has primarily focused on the new MVEA Teacher's contract and the budget presentation. Our goal is to have a final presentation for your viewing in early spring. The Board is appreciative of your support of the project and your engagement in the process. We also now have a Mont Vernon Buildings and Grounds committee that will assist in presenting the finalized project and all building related projects in the future. The Board would like to thank everyone in the community for their continued support of Mont Vernon Village School. It is a very special and unique school you can all be proud of.

Mont Vernon School Board

Pete Eckhoff (Chair), Leif Amber (Vice Chair), Andrew Stokinger (Secretary), Melissa Oliver, Colin Rogers

Mont Vernon Budget Committee Report

The Mont Vernon Budget Committee was established this year to review the FY27 budget. This all-volunteer effort focused on reviewing the school budget and the resultant warrant articles. We had the opportunity to review the budget in detail, and to ask questions about each and every line item.

As with prior years, the largest changes are out of the control of the Town, School and Budget committee. Increased health insurance premiums are a fact of life and must be paid for. This year, due to the expiration of the Affordable Care Act subsidies, the Health Insurance Industry enacted a nation-wide and an unusually high increase in premiums as they anticipated more uninsured patients in hospitals driving up costs for the insured. A small, yet essential, pay raise for teacher retention and for newly starting teachers is included in this year's budget, and is the result of a "yes" vote on a ballot measure last year. This raise was essential because the steady inflation of energy and food prices felt by all MV families hits our teachers too. Outside of those two items — the modest pay increase and higher health insurance premiums, other line items in school spending went down this year.

During the review process, the budget committee was able to review and understand the expenses. We acknowledge a nation-wide affordability crisis is occurring, and we want to stress that the Mont Vernon School District budget is TIGHT. These expenses are essential, and there is not a dollar of waste. For this reason, we unanimously recommended approval of the budget and the warrant articles.

Mont Vernon Budget Committee

Larry Breckenridge, Eric Willis, Kate Willis

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Mont Vernon School District FY27 Budget Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the budget and describe the budget development process.

The budget is the list of planned expenses for a school or fiscal year. All expenses must be included in the budget. The budget development process begins in the spring of the preceding year. The budget is created by those closest to implementation, the teachers. The budget then goes to the Principal. This year is year three for a focus on zero-based budgeting. The Business Administrator stewards the budget from the Principal through the central office to finally the school board. The school board has held three meetings and a public hearing to review and adopt the FY27 budget and send it to the Deliberative Session.

2. What are the main drivers of the FY27 proposed budget?

Health insurance was the main driver of this budget. The rate increases ranged from 11.6% to 15.9%.

Budget Comparison*	\$ Change	% Change
FY26 Operating Budget->FY27 Default	\$287,650	4.2%
FY27 Default->FY27 Proposed	\$57,404	0.8%
FY26 Operating Budget->FY27 Proposed	\$345,054	5.0%

*Excludes Special Warrant Articles

3. Are there increases in the number of faculty and support staff in the proposed FY27 budget?

The number of credentialed faculty members stays the same. However, this budget reduces one paraprofessional (based on student need).

	FY26 NESDEC Projected	FY26 Actuals (Oct. 1)			*FY27 NESDEC Projected		
Grade Level	Students	Students	Teachers	Ratio	Students	Teachers	Ratio
Kindergarten	34	21	2	10.5	38	2	19.0
Grade 1	43	40	2	20.0	24	2	12.0
Grade 2	38	32	2	16.0	41	2	20.5
Grade 3	39	36	2	18.0	33	2	16.5
Grade 4	36	32	2	16.0	38	2	19.0
Grade 5	34	33	2	16.5	31	2	15.5
Grade 6	33	32	2	16.0	33	2	16.5
Total	257	226	14	16.1	238	14	17.0

*FY27 NESDEC based on Fall 2025 Report

Non-Certified Staff

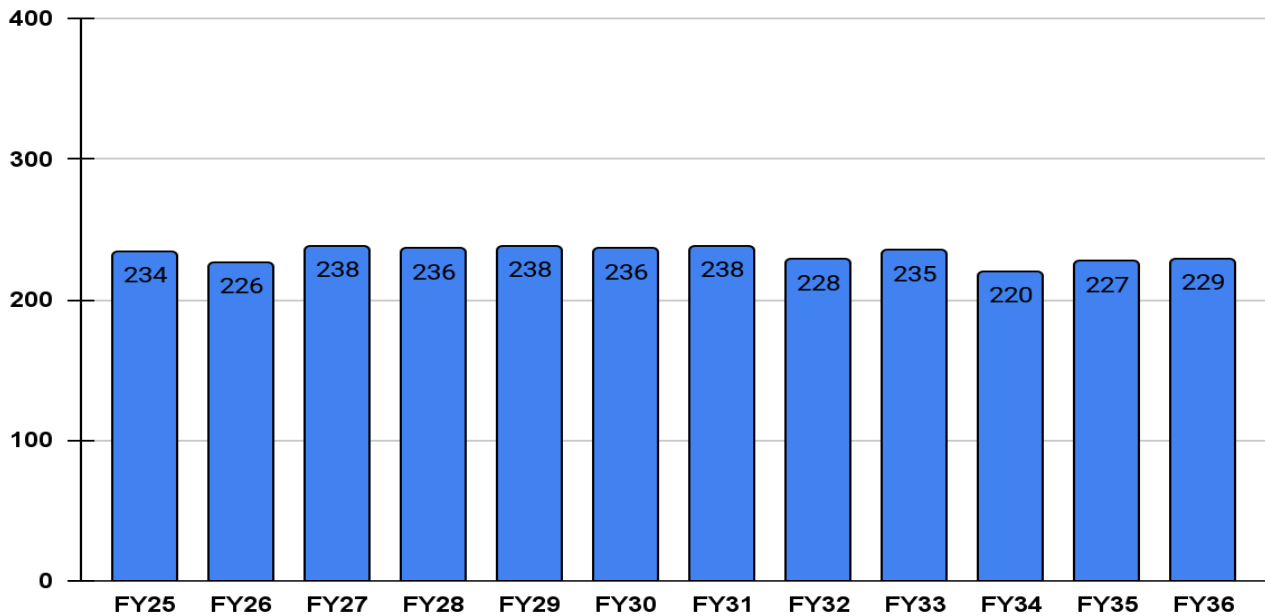
Staff	FY23	FY24	FY25	*Actual FY26	FY27
Admin Assistant	2	2	2	2	2
Paraprofessionals	5	4	5	6	5
Custodians	2.5	1.7	2.4	2.6	2.6
Computer/IT	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Food Service	1.63	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Total	11.6	9.6	11.3	12.5	11.5

**In FY26 Two Paraprofessionals were added and funded from Special Education Out of District accounts.*

4. What about student enrollment?

A gradual increase in student enrollment is projected, impacting the amount budgeted for tuition at Amherst Middle School.

Enrollment Projections



5. What is the increase in the proposed budget? \$345,054, a 5.0% increase.

Category	*FY26 Voted	FY27 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
Transportation	\$251,094	\$323,827	\$72,733	29%
Food Service	\$138,685	\$161,236	\$22,551	16.3%
Student Services	\$1,101,105	\$1,216,932	\$115,827	11%
Administration/Staff	\$928,237	\$1,020,854	\$92,617	10%
Curriculum	\$3,903,252	\$3,955,794	\$52,542	1.3%
Facilities	\$384,822	\$387,836	\$3,014	0.8%
Technology	\$132,262	\$118,032	(\$14,230)	(10.8%)
Total	\$6,839,457	\$7,184,511	\$345,054	5.0%

** Excludes Special Warrant Articles*

6. What is the change in the default budget? \$287,650 a 4.2% increase over the FY26 budget

Default Calculation

<u>FY26 Adopted Budget</u>	<u>\$6,949,457</u>	<u>% of FY26</u>
Remove Special Warrant Articles	(\$110,000)	
<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>\$6,839,457</u>	
Wages/Benefits Contractual (Reg. Ed.)	\$133,505	2.0%
Student Services incl. Transportation	\$160,040	2.3%
SAU #39 Apportionment	\$33,256	0.5%
Food Services	\$4,890	0.0%
*Tuition to Amherst School District	(\$44,041)	(0.6%)
Subtotal Changes to Default	\$287,650	4.2%
<u>FY27 Default Calculation</u>	<u>\$7,127,107</u>	

* FY27 Tuition Expense based on Current Agreement

- a. What is the difference between the default and the proposed budget? \$57,404
- b. What makes up the difference?

Proposed Items at Risk

<u>FY27 Default Calculation</u>	<u>\$7,127,107</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Salary/Benefit Adjustments (non-union)	\$58,525	0.8%
Transportation (New Bus Contract)	\$28,520	0.4%
Administration/Staff	\$9,638	0.1%
Facilities	\$7,853	0.1%
Food Service Transfer	\$2,000	0.1%
Technology	(\$17,999)	(0.3%)
Curriculum	(\$31,133)	(0.4%)
Subtotal Changes Default to Proposed	\$57,404	0.8%
<u>FY27 Proposed Budget</u>	<u>\$7,184,511</u>	

7. *What is the impact on the tax rate?* The projected tax increase for the budget is \$0.53/1000 for the Proposed Budget and \$0.43/1000 for the Default Calculation.

Projected Revenue-Proposed Budget/Default Calculation	FY26	Est. FY27
Food Service	\$125,685	\$145,916
Grants	\$95,515	\$95,515
Other Federal/State/Local	\$101,510	\$98,852
Voted from Unassigned Fund Balance (<i>Projected for FY27</i>)	\$110,000	\$105,000
Fund Balance to Offset Tax Rate (<i>Projected for FY27</i>)	\$146,928	\$75,000
Subtotal Revenues	\$579,638	\$520,283

Projected Tax Impact-Proposed Budget	FY26	FY27	Difference	Est. Tax Impact
Total Appropriation	\$6,949,457	\$7,289,511	\$340,054	
Less: Revenue	\$579,638	\$520,283	(\$59,355)	
Less: Adequacy Aid	\$1,065,527	*\$1,194,300	\$128,773	
Less: Statewide Property Tax	\$444,952	*\$416,592	(\$28,360)	
Tax Effort	\$4,859,340	\$5,158,336	\$298,996	\$0.53
Valuation	\$561,776,151			

Projected Tax Impact-Default Calculation	FY26	FY27	Difference	Est. Tax Impact
Total Appropriation	\$6,949,457	\$7,232,107	\$282,650	
Less: Revenue	\$579,638	\$520,283	(\$59,355)	
Less: Adequacy Aid	\$1,065,527	*\$1,194,300	\$128,773	
Less: Statewide Property Tax	\$444,952	*\$416,592	(\$28,360)	
Tax Effort	\$4,859,340	\$5,100,932	\$241,592	\$0.43
Valuation	\$561,776,151			

8. *How does this increase compare to recent years?*

The tax impact over the last few years has been: FY27: Projected to be \$0.53/1,000. FY26: \$0.19/1000 (including MVEA Agreement). FY25: (\$4.90/1,000) with revaluation; \$1.01/1,000 without revaluation. FY24: \$1.73/1,000. FY23: (\$0.79/1,000).

**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
MONT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
TOWN OF MONT VERNON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 10, 2026**

Sarat Rogers
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

1. **To Vote:** Completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice like this: . For each office vote for up to the number of candidates stated in the sentences: "Vote for not more than 1;" or "Vote for up to X;" "X will be elected." If you vote for more than the stated number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted.
2. **To Vote by Write-in:** To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write in the name of the person in the "write-in" space and completely fill in the oval to the right of the "write-in" space like this .

Article 1.	FOR MODERATOR	FOR CLERK
FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS	Vote for not more than 1	Vote for not more than 1
One year term	One year term	One year term
Vote for not more than 1	CHRISTIE WEST <input type="radio"/>	SARAT ROGERS <input type="radio"/>
Three year term	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
DAVID CADORETTE <input type="radio"/>		FOR TREASURER
MELISSA OLIVER <input type="radio"/>		Vote for not more than 1
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>		One year term
		AUTUMN GRDINA <input type="radio"/>
		(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>

ARTICLES

Article 2.

Shall the Mont Vernon School District vote to adopt an open enrollment school program, designating the Mont Vernon Village School as an open enrollment school pursuant to NH RSA 194-D, for the purpose of enabling the district to admit non-resident students to Mont Vernon Village School, with one hundred percent (100%) of its eligible resident pupils permitted to attend Mont Vernon Village School and up to zero percent (0%) of its resident pupils permitted to attend open enrollment schools located outside of the District, and further, to limit the number of non-resident pupils who may attend Mont Vernon Village School under the provisions of RSA 194-D to up to one (1) non resident student. **Majority vote required.**

Recommended by the Mont Vernon School Board (5-0)

Recommended by the Mont Vernon Advisory Budget Committee (3-0)

YES

NO

Article 3.

The average cost-per-pupil for the preceding year as calculated in accordance with RSA 189:75, 1(a) is \$18,636. ELA Proficiency: 77%; Math Proficiency: 84%; Science Proficiency: 65%.

Shall the Mont Vernon School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling seven million one hundred eighty four thousand five hundred eleven dollars (\$7,184,511)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be seven million one hundred twenty seven thousand one hundred seven dollars (\$7,127,107), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Mont Vernon School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only? **Majority vote required.**

Recommended by the Mont Vernon School Board (5-0)

Recommended by the Mont Vernon Advisory Budget Committee (3-0)

Estimated tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.53 per thousand

Estimated tax impact of not passing this article is: \$0.43 per thousand

*NOTE: Warrant Article 3 (operating budget) does not include appropriations proposed in any other warrant articles.

YES

NO

Article 4.

Shall the Mont Vernon School District ratify and approve a new four (4) year tuition agreement with the Amherst School District to allow for continued education of Mont Vernon students at the Amherst Middle School beginning July 1, 2026 in accordance with the proposed Tuition Agreement on file with the School District Clerk? **Majority vote required.**

Recommended by the Mont Vernon School Board (4-0)

Recommended by the Mont Vernon Advisory Budget Committee (3-0)

YES

NO

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 5.

Shall the Mont Vernon School District raise and appropriate the sum of up to fifty thousand dollars (**\$50,000**) to be added to the School Property Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established in March 2007? This sum to come from the June 30, 2026 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2026. No amount to be raised from new taxation. **Majority vote required.**

Recommended by the Mont Vernon School Board (4-0)

Recommended by the Mont Vernon Advisory Budget Committee (3-0)

Estimated tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.00 per thousand

Estimated tax impact of not passing this article is: -\$0.09 per thousand

YES

NO

Article 6.

Shall the Mont Vernon School District raise and appropriate the sum of up to twenty-five thousand dollars (**\$25,000**) to be added to the Special Education Capital Reserve Fund previously established in March 2016, with this sum to come from the June 30, 2026 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2026? No amount to be raised from new taxation. **Majority vote required.**

Recommended by the Mont Vernon School Board (4-0)

Recommended by the Mont Vernon Advisory Budget Committee (3-0)

Estimated tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.00 per thousand

Estimated tax impact of not passing this article is: -\$0.05 per thousand

YES

NO

Article 7.

Shall the Mont Vernon School District raise and appropriate the sum of up to fifteen thousand dollars (**\$15,000**) to be placed in the Technology Expendable Trust Fund previously established in March 2024? This sum to come from the June 30, 2026 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2026. No amount to be raised from new taxation. **Majority vote required.**

Recommended by the Mont Vernon School Board (4-0)

Recommended by the Mont Vernon Advisory Budget Committee (3-0)

Estimated tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.00 per thousand

Estimated tax impact of not passing this article is: -\$0.03 per thousand

YES

NO

Article 8.

Shall the Mont Vernon School District raise and appropriate the sum of up to fifteen thousand dollars (**\$15,000**) to be placed in the Post Employment Retirement Benefits Expendable Trust Fund previously established in March 2025? This sum to come from the June 30, 2026 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2026. No amount to be raised from new taxation. **Majority vote required.**

Recommended by the Mont Vernon School Board (4-0)

Recommended by the Mont Vernon Advisory Budget Committee (3-0)

Estimated tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.00 per thousand

Estimated tax impact of not passing this article is: -\$0.03 per thousand

YES

NO

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

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Open Enrollment - Mont Vernon School District Frequently Asked Questions

What is open enrollment?

Under New Hampshire law (RSA 194-D), open enrollment is a state-approved school choice option that permits students to transfer to schools outside their home districts. When a student transfers, their home district must pay 80% of its own per-pupil-cost to the student's new district as tuition.

The state Supreme Court ruled last October that unless a school district's voters approve an open enrollment policy, that district may not limit the number of its students who transfer to another school district, regardless of the total cost to the home district.

Also, districts without open enrollment policies cannot accept transfers from other districts or collect tuition for them.

What does the open enrollment warrant article propose?

Article 2 establishes an open enrollment policy designating the Mont Vernon Village School as an open enrollment school, and sets the number of students who may use tax dollars to transfer to other communities' schools at zero (0). The number of students who would be permitted to transfer from outside school districts would be set at up to one (1).

Why has this warrant article been proposed?

Without open enrollment policies and designations in place, the school district would be at risk of being forced to use local taxpayer dollars to fund tuition for students who transfer outside the district. This will increase financial pressures on the community, create challenges with budgeting and enrollment projections, and jeopardize staffing levels and program continuity.

As the State Legislature continues to discuss changes to open enrollment, this warrant article attempts to ensure that decisions about enrollment remain under the control of Mont Vernon voters.

What does your vote mean?

A **YES** vote means:

Mont Vernon Village School may accept up to 1 student, if all eligibility criteria are met.

Students cannot use school budget funds to pay tuition at another town's public school through the open enrollment process.

District funding, planning, staffing, and course offerings are protected.

A **NO** vote means:

An unlimited number of students may leave to attend other open enrollment schools and District taxpayers would have to pay their tuition.

The school districts will lose 80% of the per-pupil funding for each student who leaves, even if the student's destination district has a lower cost per pupil.

Mont Vernon Village School will not have the option to admit non-SAU 39 students and receive tuition for them.

What is the current per-pupil cost in the three local school districts?

Recently, the annual per-pupil cost has been about \$18,600 in Mont Vernon. Transferring from the district would take 80% of that funding with them to their new district. The approximate amount of taxpayer funding per student leaving Mont Vernon Village School would be \$14,900.

Can any non-resident student enroll at Mont Vernon Village School?

No. Students will need to meet academic and other eligibility criteria established by the school through an application process yet to be determined.

How will special education costs be handled?

Students' home districts will remain financially responsible for special education services when working with Mont Vernon Village School's team of special educators.

Will class sizes increase?

Students will be accepted only if space is available and services are not affected.

Why does this warrant article set the number of students who may transfer into the District at up to one student?

Despite concerns about space for additional students, allowing up to one student to transfer into the District appears to currently best satisfy the state statute and keep the open enrollment decision locally.

Does this mean no one can transfer out of Mont Vernon Village School?

No. Traditional options still exist.

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Mont Vernon School Board Tuition Agreement with the Amherst School Board Frequently Asked Questions

What is the length of the proposed agreement?

This agreement is for four years. It contains language allowing the school board to withdraw from the agreement within that time. The current contract expires June 30, 2026.

Who does the agreement cover?

The agreement affects 60 to 65 Mont Vernon 7th- and 8th-graders.

What considerations guided the Mont Vernon School Board in negotiating this agreement?

The Board understood the community's desire to have some influence on a significant part of the Mont Vernon budget.

What are the key financial aspects of the agreement?

Under the formula in this agreement, tuition is based on the sum of 60% of the Amherst Middle School cost per pupil and 40% of the Mont Vernon Village School cost per pupil for the fiscal year 2 years prior to the current fiscal year. This sum is multiplied by the current school year enrollment. The Mont Vernon approved budget influences the per pupil tuition cost.

A \$400 per-pupil facility "rental" charge is included in the overall tuition cost. This provision ends Mont Vernon's financial obligation to contribute to possible bond projects impacting the middle school.

The tuition increase is capped at not more than 4% of the prior year calculated tuition rate.

What would be the budget impact if this tuition formula was in place now?

About \$158,700 less.

How does this agreement impact the extensive facility plan conducted over the previous four years?

This agreement does not preempt the Mont Vernon Community's long-term consideration and decision about where to school its 7th- and 8th-graders. The agreement ensures these students will receive a strong education over the next four years, while providing time for the School Board to fully evaluate adding 7th and 8th grades to Mont Vernon Village School, receive input from and educate the community and present an article to build an addition, if desired.

What else is in the agreement?

Mont Vernon students may participate in any athletic, curricular, or co-curricular activities offered at Amherst Middle School.

What happens if this agreement is not ratified?

Mont Vernon will not have a guaranteed educational placement for its 7th- and 8th-graders. The Mont Vernon School Board/families will need to seek other educational settings. In the meantime, the cost for sending students to Amherst Middle School could rise. Tuition for students at schools without adopted tuition agreements is governed by NH Department of Education's cost-per-student formula.

Summary

This agreement's unique tuition formula factors in Mont Vernon's school costs, benefiting the Community's taxpayers. The agreement also eliminates possible future bond obligations to Amherst and secures a strong education placement for Mont Vernon students while future plans are developed and considered.

SAU 39 Director of Student Services Report

Student services encompasses special education, 504 accommodation supports and services, specialized equipment, specialized transportation, and English for Speakers of Other Languages supports and services. Mont Vernon School District services 38 students with an Individualized Education Program. The District’s budget is driven by the following priorities: increasing the school’s capacity to support a variety of needs, improving accessibility of the facility, and increased alignments of special education instruction and curricular resources to Core. Highlights from the Mont Vernon Student Services Department this year include additional specialized behavioral support for students requiring principles of applied behavior analysis, increasing continuum of services, supports, and environments available for students to meet a wider range of student need, and partnering with the Director of Curriculum and Accountability to increase effectiveness of special education instruction. We continue to examine how to meet the needs of students ages three and four who qualify for special education services, expansion of support and services provided within the district, supports and services for students transitioning from MVVS to AMS, and the most effective service delivery model to increase generalization and foster independence. The student services department assesses effectiveness through various state monitored indicators with specific focus on growth on state and local assessment as compared to non-identified peers and percent of participation in the regular education environment.

Dr. Heather Jennings, Director of Student Services

Actual Expenditures for MVSD Special Education Programs and Services
FY 2023-2024 and FY 2024-2025 per RSA 32:11a

	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
REVENUES		
Special Education Aid	\$35,506	\$58,680
IDEA Grant	\$67,573	\$65,122
Medicaid	\$14,733	\$7,911
Total Revenues	\$117,813	\$131,713
EXPENDITURES		
Salaries	\$448,000	\$492,946
Employee Benefits	\$177,904	\$213,305
Purchased Services	\$577,082	\$463,487
Supplies	\$13,127	\$8,715
Equipment	\$0	\$5,160
Dues & Fees	\$290	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$1,216,403	\$1,183,613
Net Cost of Special Education	\$1,098,590	\$1,051,901

Mont Vernon School District
Annual Report of the Treasurer
as of 6/30/2025

	<u>Starting Balance</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>AP-AR Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Interest Earned</u>
July-24	\$ 124,870.61	\$ 878,937.47	(\$232,108.17)	\$ 773,671.77	\$ 1,971.86
August-24	\$ 773,671.77	\$ 444,091.72	(\$782,646.88)	\$ 437,006.23	\$ 1,889.62
September-24	\$ 437,006.23	\$ 679,104.48	(\$420,439.87)	\$ 697,631.23	\$ 1,960.39
October-24	\$ 697,631.23	\$ 478,886.83	(\$382,594.47)	\$ 795,670.95	\$ 1,747.36
November-24	\$ 795,670.95	\$ 681,312.35	(\$399,710.19)	\$ 1,079,511.62	\$ 2,238.51
December-24	\$ 1,079,511.62	\$ 477,851.30	(\$857,541.76)	\$ 701,648.31	\$ 1,827.15
January-25	\$ 701,648.31	\$ 849,940.90	(\$796,765.65)	\$ 756,932.81	\$ 2,109.25
February-25	\$ 756,932.81	\$ 479,351.62	(\$378,876.38)	\$ 859,013.99	\$ 1,605.94
March-25	\$ 859,013.99	\$ 460,960.73	(\$719,803.45)	\$ 602,039.51	\$ 1,868.24
April-25	\$ 602,039.51	\$ 748,005.97	(\$381,694.38)	\$ 970,030.11	\$ 1,679.01
May-25	\$ 970,030.11	\$ 462,789.34	(\$356,816.38)	\$ 1,078,043.33	\$ 2,040.26
June-25	\$ 1,078,043.33	\$ 478,631.44	(\$941,118.74)	\$ 617,232.96	\$ 1,676.93
TOTALS		\$ 7,119,864.15	(\$6,650,116.32)		\$ 22,614.52

	<u>M&T Balance</u>	<u>TD Bank Balance</u>	<u>O/S Checks</u>	<u>Adjusted Balance</u>
July 1, 2024	\$12,970.86	\$224,123.91	(\$112,224.16)	\$124,870.61
June 30, 2025	\$0.00	\$739,507.22	(\$122,274.26)	\$617,232.96