



# Regional School Unit 40

*Inspiring students to achieve life-long success*

2022-23 Budget Proposal  
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# Budget Priorities

- Staff compensation
- Curriculum implementation
- Facilities maintenance
- Balanced budget articles
- Continue refining budget

**A STRONG  
FOUNDATION  
IS THE KEY TO  
CREATING  
LONG-TERM  
SUCCESS.**



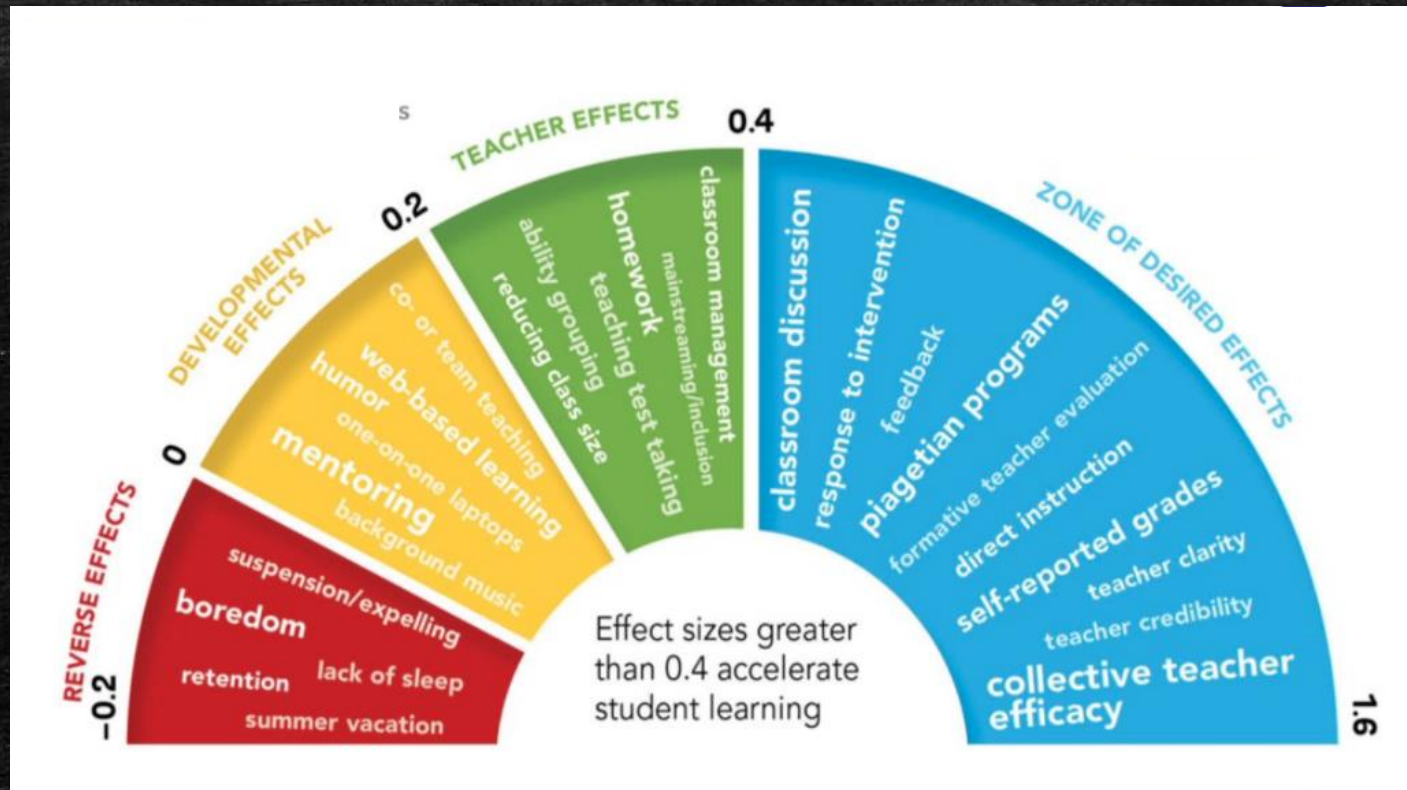
# Comprehensive Education Plan

- Our vision is to inspire students to achieve life-long success.
- Our mission is to graduate all students with the knowledge, skills and understandings needed for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century
- Our goals are to...
  - Improve learning for all students
  - Increase the effectiveness of all RSU 40 staff
  - Ensure all schools have the resources to support student learning



# Goal 1: Student Learning

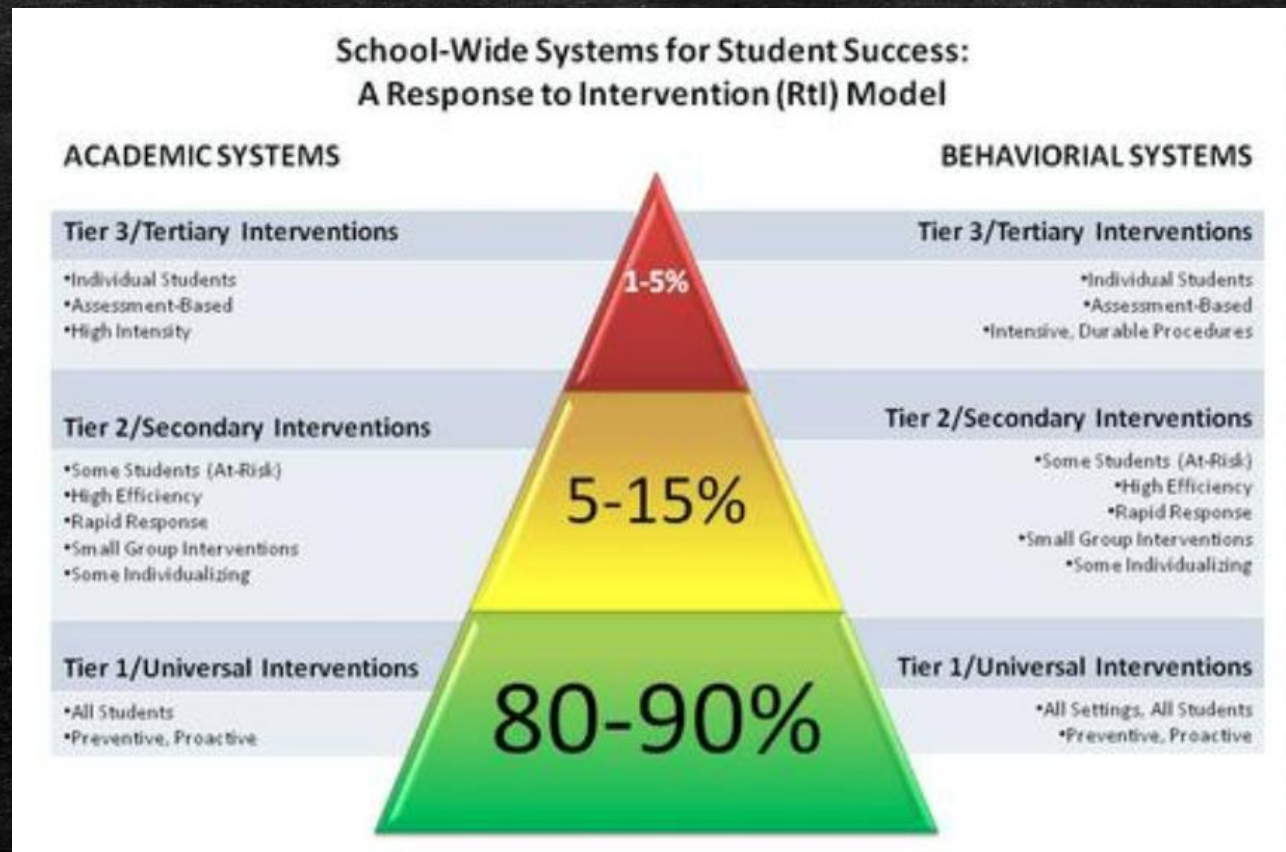
Focus on what works; minimize distractions





# Goal 1: Student Learning

Coordinated systems focused on academics and behavior





# Goal 2: Personnel Development and Support

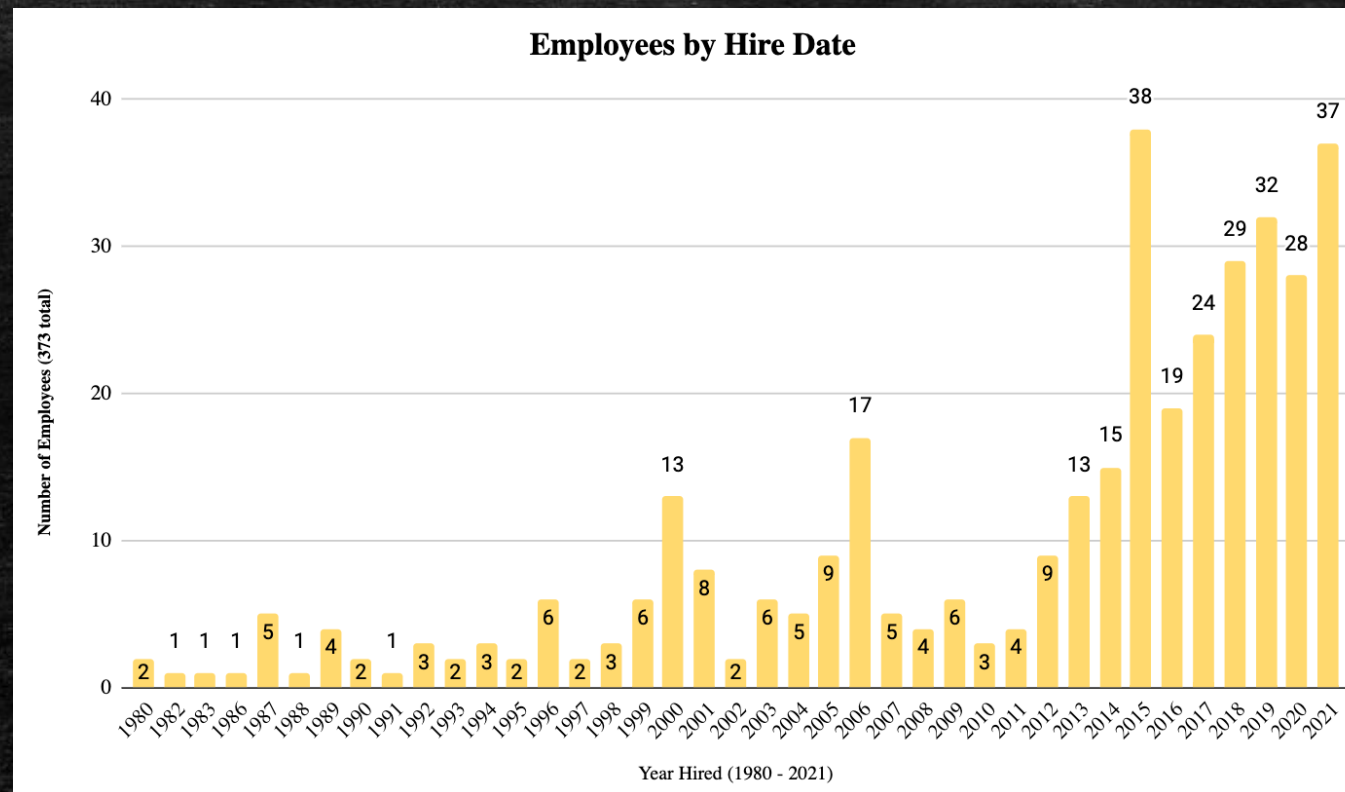
## Class Size & Staffing Guidelines

Grade Level	Target Class Size/Caseload
Pre-K	12-16
K-3	16-20
4-12	20-25
Resource	20-25
Self-Contained	Age 5-9: 6:1(5) Age 10-14: 8:1(5) Age 15-22: 10:1(5)
Occupational Therapist	40-50
Physical Therapist	40-50
Speech-Language Therapist	40-50
Social Worker	40-50
School Counselor	200-250



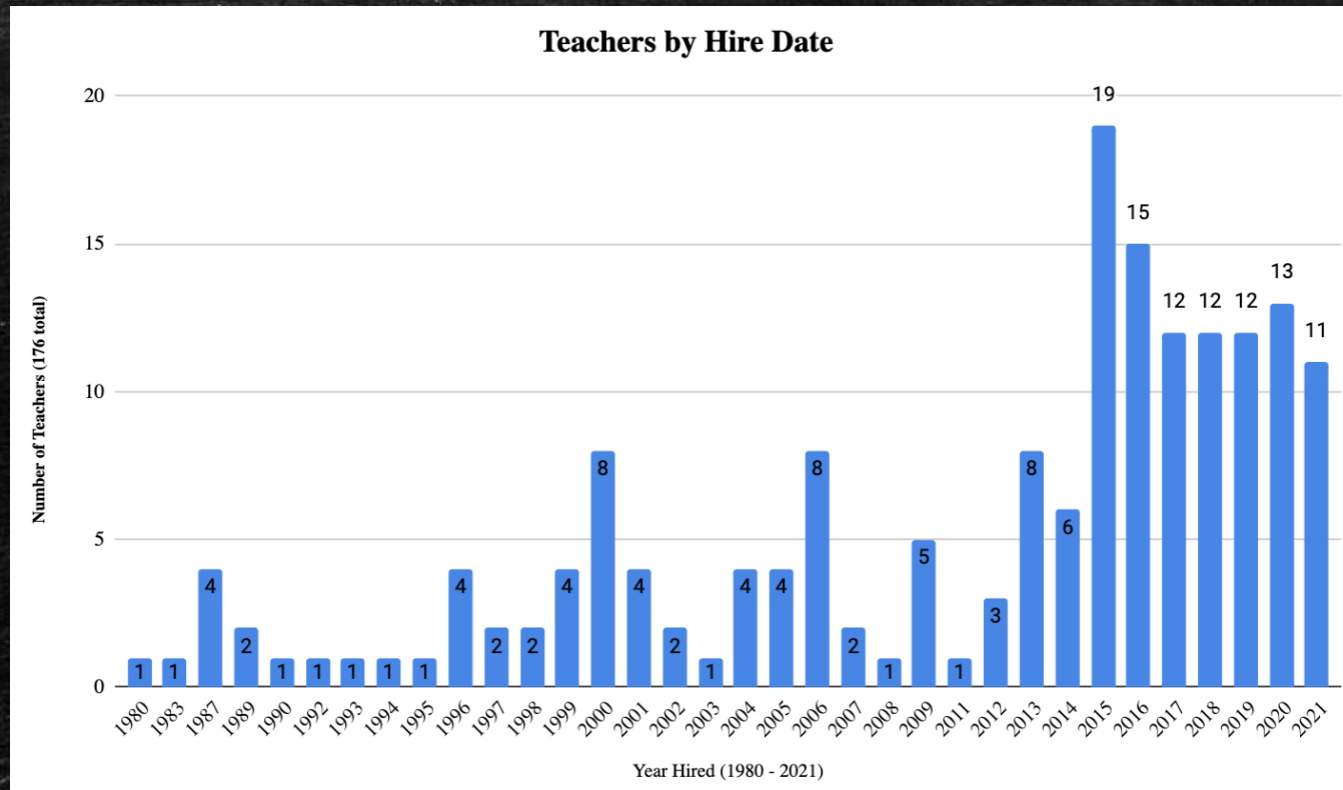
# Goal 2: Personnel Development and Support

Newly hired staff: 40% in five years; 66% in ten years (22 vacancies)



# Goal 2: Personnel Development and Support

Newly hired teachers: 34% in five years; 63% in ten years





# Goal 3: Financial and Facilities Oversight

Per pupil spending remains below the state average and is in the bottom half compared to school districts similar in size and structure.

We spend about \$1.2 mil less than the state average, \$2.2 mil less than Belfast, \$4.0 mil less than Bath, and \$7.4 mil less than Rockland.

School District	Students	Per Pupil	Difference
RSU 11 - Gardiner	2,010	\$10,413	-2,897,216
RSU 19 - Newport	1,949	\$10,503	-2,729,315
RSU 16 - Poland	1,748	\$10,833	-2,113,462
RSU 52 - Turner	2,013	\$10,863	-2,057,803
RSU 79 - Presque Isle	1,780	\$11,230	-1,373,430
RSU 73 - Livermore Falls	1,429	\$11,391	-1,072,468
RSU 02 - Hallowell	2,014	\$11,490	-887,901
RSU 49 - Fairfield	2,085	\$11,537	-800,382
<b>RSU 40</b>	<b>1,866</b>	<b>\$11,966</b>	<b>0</b>
RSU 04 - Wales	1,411	\$12,016	94,355
RSU 15 - Gray	1,929	\$12,240	512,416
RSU 12 - Somerville	1,538	\$12,354	724,340
RSU 35 - Berwick	2,135	\$12,376	766,153
State Average	-	\$12,646	1,269,260
RSU 10 - Rumford	1,797	\$12,818	1,590,800
RSU 71 - Belfast	1,492	\$13,198	2,299,240
RSU 05 - Freeport	1,991	\$13,905	3,619,268
RSU 01 - Bath	1,758	\$14,110	4,000,904
RSU 61 - Bridgton	1,587	\$14,343	4,435,143
RSU 51 - Cumberland	2,065	\$15,489	6,574,447
RSU 13 - Rockland	1,614	\$15,945	7,426,040

[Resident Student Per Pupil Operating Costs](#)

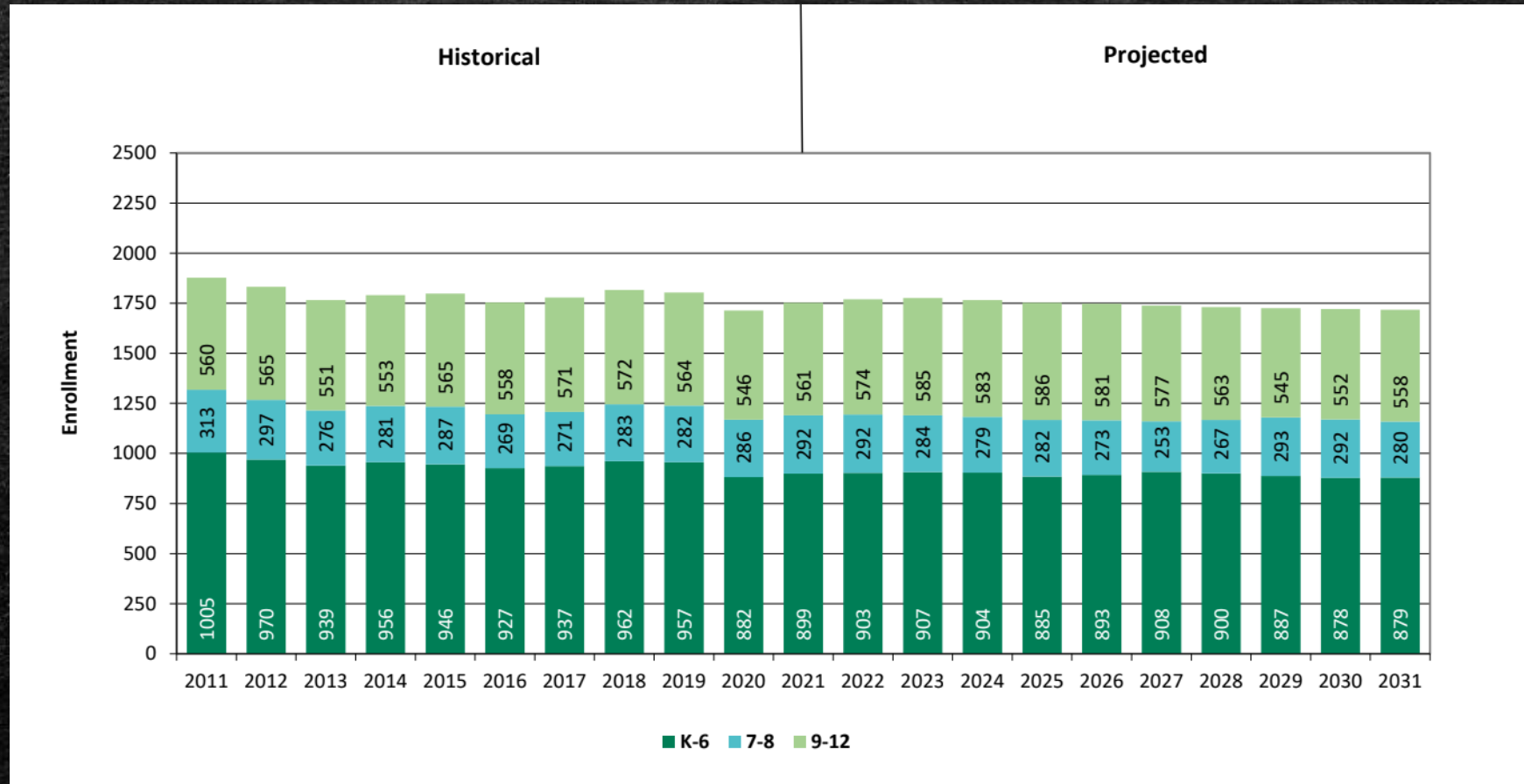


# Goal 3: Financial and Facilities Oversight

- Essential Programs & Services
  - Essential programs and services are those educational resources that are necessary to ensure the opportunity for all students to meet the standards in the eight content standard subject areas and goals of the system of learning results.



# Enrollment Summary





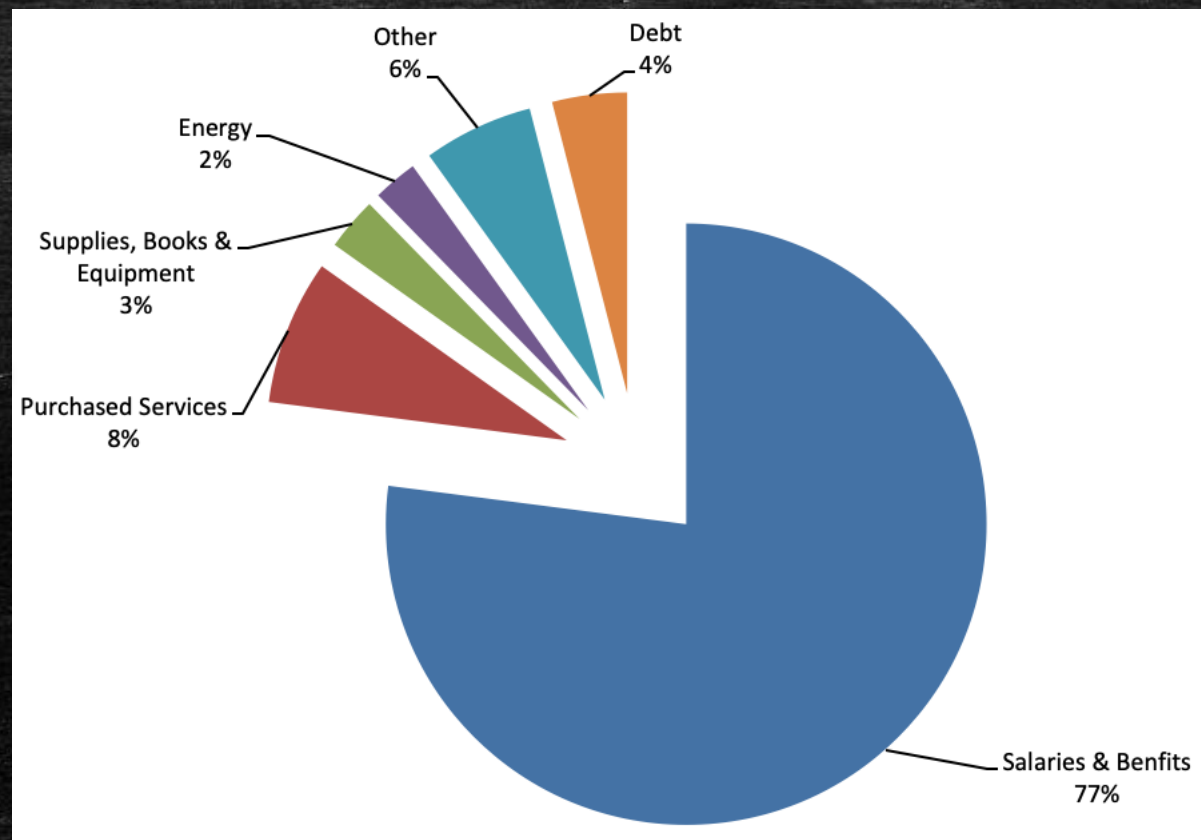
# Community Support

The budget validation referendum has passed 10 years in a row.

Year	Yes Votes	No Votes	Pass/Fail
2021-22	983	459	Pass
2020-21	2,317	1,128	Pass
2019-20	725	466	Pass
2018-19	2,031	1,060	Pass
2017-18	785	434	Pass
2016-17	989	698	Pass
2015-16	315	104	Pass
2014-15	227	164	Pass
2013-14	530	384	Pass
2012-13	1,374	839	Pass



# Proposed Budget Summary





# Reasons to Support Our Budget

- Attracting and retaining quality staff is foundational to our success
- Per pupil spending is below average
- Enrollment remains stable
- Our community supports our schools
- Supporting our schools helps our community



# We Can Make A Difference For Our Students and Community!

