

## Education Fund Outlook - Recommended Tax Rates with Preliminary Budgets

(millions of dollars)

	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
	Final	After Budget Adjustment Act	Consensus Forecast
a Base Homestead Property Tax Rate	\$0.94	\$0.98	\$1.00
<i>Average Homestead Property Tax Rate</i>	<i>\$1.41</i>	<i>\$1.50</i>	<i>\$1.55</i>
b Uniform Non-Residential Property Tax Rate	\$1.44	\$1.51½	\$1.53½
c Base Tax Rate on Household Income	1.80%	1.80%	1.94%
d Base Education Amount Per Equalized Pupil	\$9,151	\$9,285	\$9,459
e Total Equalized Pupil Count	89,938	89,257	89,163
f Statewide Education Grand List Growth Rate	-1.5%	-0.5%	0.3%
g Statewide Education Spending Growth Rate	5.1%	3.1%	3.0%

### Sources

# Homestead Education Tax	546.2	568.1	596.5
1a Income Sensitivity Adjustment	(142.5)	(145.7)	(147.3)
1t Homeowner Rebate - <i>EF share only*</i>	<i>Included in line 1a.</i>	(6.8)	(8.7)
# Non-Homestead Education Tax	571.0	608.8	615.1
# Sales & Use Tax	123.8	128.0	132.2
# Purchase & Use Tax	30.6	32.6	34.2
# General Fund Transfer	288.9	295.8	303.3
# Property Tax Relief Fund Transfer	4.3	-	-
# Lottery Transfer	22.6	22.6	23.0
# Medicaid Transfer	6.4	6.2	6.0
# Other Sources (Wind & Solar Property Tax, Other)	1.0	1.1	1.1
<b># Total Sources</b>	<b>1,452.1</b>	<b>1,510.7</b>	<b>1,555.4</b>

### Uses

# Education Payment	1,220.4	1,258.5	1,290.5
# Special Education	163.5	173.3	179.8
# State-Placed Students	16.7	16.9	16.4
# Transportation	16.7	17.2	17.7
# Technical Education	13.3	13.7	13.3
# Small Schools	7.5	7.7	7.6
# Essential Early Education	6.1	6.3	6.4
# Adult Education & Literacy	5.8	5.8	5.8
# Community HS of Vermont (Corrections)	3.9	3.8	2.1
# Renter Rebate (General Gov't) - <i>EF share only**</i>	6.2	6.6	6.8
# Reappraisal & Listing (General Gov't)	3.4	3.3	3.3
# Other Uses (Accounting & Auditing, Other)	1.0	1.2	1.1
<b># Total Uses</b>	<b>1,464.5</b>	<b>1,514.2</b>	<b>1,550.8</b>

### Allocation of Revenue Surplus/(Deficit)

# Revenue Surplus/(Deficit)	(12.4)	(3.4)	4.6
# Prior-Year Reversions	(4.2)	(5.9)	-
# Transfer to/(from) Stabilization Reserve	1.1	1.0	0.9
# Transfer to/(from) Unreserved/Unallocated	(9.3)	1.5	3.7

### Stabilization Reserve

# Prior-Year Stabilization Reserve	29.3	30.3	31.3
# Stabilization Reserve	30.3	31.3	32.2
# Percent of Prior-Year Net Appropriations	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
# Maximum Reserve Target @ 5.0%	30.3	31.3	32.2
# Minimum Reserve Target @ 3.5%	21.2	21.9	22.5

### Available Funds

# Prior-Year Unreserved/Unallocated	19.3	10.0	11.5
# Current-Year Unreserved/Unallocated	10.0	11.5	15.2

* GF share of homeowner rebate:	14.9	14.6	17.8
** GF share of renter rebate:	2.7	2.8	2.9