

WINDHAM RAYMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regional School Unit #14

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Sanford J. Prince, IV

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Donn S. Davis

August 17, 2017

Tony Plante, Town Manager
Windham Town Office
8 School Road
Windham, ME 04062

Dear Tony,

As you are aware, the State Legislature passed---and the Governor signed into law--- a biennial budget that funds a \$162 million increase to General Purpose Aid to support schools. \$48.4 million will be sent to schools in FY 17/18 and the remaining funds will be distributed in FY 18/19. This State action came *after* the approval of the RSU #14 budget. **RSU #14 is scheduled to receive an additional \$664,219.42.**

The RSU 14 budget meeting warrant in May included Article 19, as permitted by section 1485(5) of Title 20-A. Article 19 provided for the disposition of possible additional state subsidy. The Article delegated to the school board authority to use any or all of the funds to lower assessments, to transfer to a reserve fund, or to increase expenditures. By implication, funds not allocated in any of these ways would go to undesignated fund balance.

In guidance that the Maine Department of Education (DOE) issued, the school board is permitted to use that additional state subsidy amount as it determines in accordance with Article 19.

The DOE has issued guidance to divide up the additional subsidy amount to be used for return to the communities using percentages that DOE has derived from the local allocations found on our "unit allocation". DOE has published those percentages and for RSU 14, the published percentages are:

RSU 14	Windham	69.00%
RSU 14	Raymond	31.00%

Please note that the above percentages (69%/31%) are different than the percentages that are derived from our Windham/Raymond cost sharing formula (64%/36%). This is because our cost sharing agreement currently has fixed percentages that do not tie to the DOE ED 279 calculations (rather to local additional costs). The legislature was clear in its decision to tie the additional funding to the most current ED 269.

At its' meeting last night, the **school board voted to utilize \$544,019.42 to reduce taxation** in the two communities that they serve.

The Town has already provided its' first payment based on the adopted budget. The remaining eleven (11) payments will be reduced by the both the higher payment received in July as well as by the downward adjustment due to the school board's action to reduce taxation.

I am attaching a copy of a "Revised Community Assessment" for your review. I have also attached a copy of the revised "Assessment Schedule and Notice of Installments" for your review.

The school board is, of course, pleased that the school district was able to gain additional funds. State subsidy for FY 18 is approximately \$126K less than provided in FY 17.

Please feel free to E-mail/call should you wish to further discuss in any way.

Best regards,

Donn S. Davis

c: RSU 14 School Board
RSU 14 Superintendent of Schools
RSU 14 Accountant



Windham Raymond School District (RSU 14)
228 Windham Center Road
Windham, ME 04062

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE AND NOTICE OF INSTALLMENTS

To: The Treasurer of the **Town of Windham**, Maine in the County of Cumberland:

Under and by virtue of the provisions of 20-A M.R.S.A. §1489(3), you are hereby notified of the following monthly installments which are payable by the **Town of Windham** for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, and that each of such monthly installment is due on or before the 20th of each month, commencing July 20, 2017, as follows:

Under and by the virtue of the provisions of 20-A M.R.S.A. §15691-A, Regional School Unit No. 14 presents the following Assessment Schedule:

• July 20, 2017	\$1,670,023.15
• August 20, 2017	\$1,670,023.15
• September 20, 2017	\$1,632,485.86
• October 20, 2017	\$1,632,485.81
• November 20, 2017	\$1,632,485.81
• December 20, 2017	\$1,632,485.81
• January 20, 2018	\$1,632,485.81
• February 20, 2018	\$1,632,485.81
• March 20, 2018	\$1,632,485.81
• April 20, 2018	\$1,632,485.81
• May 20, 2018	\$1,632,485.81
• June 20, 2018	\$1,632,485.81
Total of	\$19,664,904.45

Community Assessment

2017-2018 - Revised due to Board action taken on 8/16/17

08/16/17

ED 279 - 7/12/17

44,919,476.51

Windham Local Debt	81.78%-HS	393,668.48		
Raymond Share Windham Debt	18.22%-HS	87,706.53	481,375.00	(should match local debt service)
Raymond Choice Assessment		25,000.00		
		506,375.00		

Adjusted Budget 44,413,101.51

State Subsidy 14,679,631.26 Section 5 A ED 279 2/16/17
 Miscellaneous Revenues 253,300.00

Warrant Article Adjustment 29,480,170.25

EPS Required Contrib @ 8.44 mills
 Windham 68.84% estimated 14,859,825.00 Section F ED 279 2/16/17
 Raymond 31.16% estimated 6,536,081.17 Section F ED 279 2/16/17
21,395,906.17

Local Additional 8,084,264.08

	The Plan		81.78/18.22%	Same as The Plan					7/12/17 ED 279	Revised Tax Commitment
	36.00%	64.00%							69% 31% Credit for Incr State Subsidy	
	EPS Required Contribution	Additional Shared Assessment	Other Local Responsibility	Local Share Adult Ed	Subtotal Assessments	Carryover	Tax Commitment			
Windham	14,859,825.00	5,173,929.01	393,668.48	188,855.37	20,616,277.85	576,000.00	20,040,277.85	(375,373.40)		19,664,904.45
Raymond	6,536,081.17	2,910,335.07	112,706.53	106,231.14	9,665,353.91	324,000.00	9,341,353.91	(168,646.02)		9,172,707.89
	21,395,906.17	8,084,264.08	506,375.00	295,086.51	30,281,631.76	900,000.00	29,381,631.76	(544,019.42)		28,837,612.34

	FY 17 Tax Commitment	FY 18 Tax Commitment	% of Inc/Dec	Inc/Dec				
Windham	18,263,875.05	19,664,904.45	7.67%	1,401,029.40	28,837,612.34	Tax Commitment		
Raymond	8,746,621.85	9,172,707.89	4.87%	426,086.04	900,000.00	Carryover		
					253,300.00	Other Revenues		
					15,223,650.68	State Subsidy		
	27,010,496.90	28,837,612.34	6.76%	1,827,115.44	45,214,563.02	FY 17 Worksheet Budget		
					(295,086.51)	(include ad ed local share)		
					44,919,476.51			

**Estimated	
Tax Implications on \$250,000 home	
Increase	Valuation
Windham \$ 187	1,877,500,000
Raymond \$ 102	1,046,300,000

**Get valuation from Maine Revenue website!

Town Mil Rate calculation

$$=19,664,904.45/1,877,500,000 \times 1000 = 10.67 \text{ mil rate}$$

$$=9,172,707.89/1,046,300,000 \times 1000 = 8.92 \text{ mil rate}$$

(tax/valuation x 1000)

**Estimated	
Tax Implications on \$250,000 home	
Annual tax	Valuation
Windham \$ 2,618	1,877,500,000
Raymond \$ 2,192	1,046,300,000