

SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 7, 2021

School Choice Capacity For School Board Consideration and Action at the January 13, 2021 School Board Meeting

OVERVIEW

On or before February 1 each year, the board of a high school shall define and announce its capacity to accept students under Title 16, Section 822a Public School Choice. Guidelines may include limits based on the capacity of the program, class, grade, school building, measurable adverse financial impact, or other factors, but may not be based on the need to provide special education services. This section of the law covers many other aspects including lottery, application and notification, enrollment, tuition and other costs, as well as several other topics.

Section 822a (g) says that unless the sending and receiving school agree to a different arrangement, no tuition or other cost shall be charged to the district or paid to the sending district... When this law went into effect in 2012, it had, and continues to have an impact on the number of students we accept as a district. Previously, the district accepted many more students than chose to attend other schools and was able to cover the costs of education with payments from the sending district.

In the current school year (FY 2021), there are three (3) students here under school choice. We currently have ten (10) students attending South Burlington High School through the Big Picture Program under a year-to-year agreement for payment with the Mt. Mansfield Modified Union School District.

RECOMMENDATION

In the absence of the exchange of tuition, it does not make sense to accept students who come without tuition. We recommend that the South Burlington School District Public School Choice Cap be set at one (1) for the 2021-2022 school year.

David Young
Superintendent of Schools

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**FY 2022 Tuition Rate Recommendation
For School Board Consideration and
Action at the January 13 Budget Meeting**

OVERVIEW

In accordance with Title 16 V.S.A. Section 826(a), the receiving school board must announce rates for the upcoming school year. If rates are to be increased, the sending student school districts must be notified of any increase by January 15, to go into effect on July 1, 2021.

For FY 2022, I recommend the following tuition rates:

Secondary Grades 7 – 12	\$15,987 per student
Elementary Grades K – 6	\$15,455 per student

Here is some further information:

Secondary Rate - The recommended rate of \$15,987 per student for grades 7 – 12 represents a decrease of \$918 over the announced tuition rate last year. This will be used for students who tuition in from Grand Isle County and the Georgia School District. We anticipate an enrollment of about 148 students in FY 2022.

Elementary Rate – The recommended rate of \$15,455 per student is for students in grades K – 6. We have one student currently predicted at this grade level.

The rates have been calculated based on the FY 2022 budget prepared by the Administration at the January 6, 2021 school board meeting. The calculations follow State of Vermont guidelines that each district uses to calculate tuition.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends these rates. This new rate schedule must be approved prior to January 15 in order to meet the statutory requirements of the above stated law.

David R. Young
Superintendent of Schools