

Every Vote Counts!

Tuesday, April 13, 2010
7:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

Essex Town Residents vote
at: *Essex Middle School*

Essex Junction Residents
vote at: *Essex High School*

Bring your questions to the

Annual Meetings

Monday, April 12, 2010
EHS Auditorium

6:30 p.m.—Prudential Committee
(Essex Junction Schools, preK-8)

7:45 p.m.—Union District #46
(Essex HS & Center for Technology, Essex)

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A Voter's Guide



Union #46 and Essex Junction School Budgets

Presented by the Union #46 School Board and the
Essex Junction Prudential Committee

**Essex Junction School District (EJSD)
Grades PreK-8**

EJSD enrollment remains stable, leading the board to carefully consider how to keep expenses as low as possible while maintaining high educational quality for all students.

EJSD Budget

Increase of one-half of one percent (0.5%):

The table compares the FY'10 (this year) and FY'11 (next year) budgets. The slight increase of \$79,553 was minimized by a reduction equivalent to nearly three staff positions, lower maintenance costs, and a reduced requirement for special education. For the third year, a \$100,000 article is proposed to extend the Capital Reserve Fund and stabilize the future tax impact. This contribution has already been factored into the calculated tax rates.

Description	This Year	Next Year	Change
Expense Budget	\$15,924,636	\$16,004,189	\$79,553
- Non-Tax Revenue	\$2,949,699	\$2,787,141	-\$162,558
+ Capital Plan	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
= Ed. Spending	\$13,074,937	\$13,317,048	\$242,111

Essex Junction Recreation & Parks (EJRP)

Level Tax Rate: EJRP is largely self-sufficient, but requires some tax revenue (\$594,815) to balance its budget and pay for Capital Plan requirements (\$75,000). These funds can be generated by maintaining the Recreation Municipal Tax Rate *for the seventh year in a row.*

**Union #46 School District
Grades 9-12/Tech.**

The Union #46 School Board, concerned about the economic times and potential tax impacts, sought to keep expenses as low as possible while maintaining high educational quality.

Essex HS Budget

Increase less than one-half of one percent (0.4%):

The table compares the FY'10 (this year) and FY'11 (next year) budgets. By thoroughly analyzing course sections, enrollment projections and class sizes, the Board reduced the equivalent of four staff positions.

The Capital Plan is always limited to 1% of the EHS budget and is factored into the calculated tax rates.

Description	This Year	Next Year	Change
Expense Budget	\$22,087,581	\$22,182,502	\$94,921
- Non-Tax Revenue	\$5,859,473	\$5,958,842	\$99,369
+ Capital Plan	\$220,000	\$221,825	\$1,825
= Ed. Spending	\$16,448,108	\$16,445,485	-\$2,623

Center for Technology, Essex (CTE)

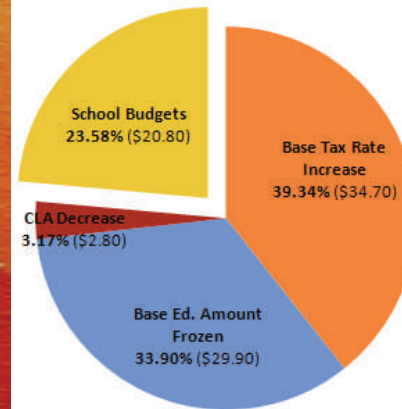
No Increase in Tuition Rate: The \$8,449,228 CTE budget does not directly impact Essex Junction and Essex Town tax rates.

**Bottom Line for Essex Junction:
PreK-12/Tech. Combined Tax Impact is an
Increase of Less than \$90
(or Four to Nearly Seven Percent)**

	Tax Rates	*Impact
Homestead	EJSD	\$51.50
	U#46	\$36.70
	Essex Junction Total	\$88.20
Income Sensitivity	EJSD	\$30.00
	U#46	\$25.00
	Essex Junction Total	\$55.00

**Based on \$100K property value or \$50K income*

**Factors Contributing to EJ Homestead
Tax Increase of \$88.20**



School Budgets account for about 24% of the tax impact. External factors from the state make up about 76% of the impact.

Visit www.ccsvt.org/school-boards for more detailed budget information!

DEFINITIONS



Non-Tax Revenue is local and Special Ed revenue, along with Federal grants.

The Expense Budget outlines total anticipated costs for the year.

Ed. Spending is determined by subtracting non-tax revenue from the total budget and is critical in determining the tax rate.

Homestead is the principle owned/occupied home, including the land surrounding it.

CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) is determined by property valuation.