

Superintendent's Report to the Board

December 8, 2020



Superintendent's Report: Agenda

- Recognition of Vermont Presidential Scholar Awards & The Golden Wrench Award
- Lease Agreement with Owners of Macy's
- BHS Update - Long and Short-term Plans
- School Operations During COVID
- FY 22 Baseline Budget Projections



Recognition of Presidential Scholars Awards and The Golden Wrench Award

Patient Mwibeleca
VT Presidential Scholar for the Arts



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Samira Henninge
VT Presidential Scholar for the Arts



Recognition of Presidential Scholars Awards and The Golden Wrench Award

Penny Ly

VT Presidential Scholar in Career and Technical Education



Recognition of Presidential Scholars Awards and The Golden Wrench Award

Julia Correll
2020-21 VT Presidential Scholar



Recognition of Presidential Scholars Awards and The Golden Wrench Award

Krystof Bristol

Vermont Presidential Scholar - Honorable Mention

Dominik Brown

Vermont Golden Wrench Award



Lease with Owners of Macy's

- Finalizing lease agreement
 - 3.5 years
 - \$1.9M per year
 - \$3.5M fit up cost
- Governor Scott's team developing supports for BSD
- Air quality results this Friday
 - *Agencies do not believe results will impact occupancy*
- Construction scheduled to begin December 15 and be completed February 22
- Start date is early March



BHS Long and Short-Term Plans

- Edmunds on Wednesdays
- Remote Learning Monday, Thursday, Friday
- Tuesday is now asynchronous day
- Seahorse Engagement Center is open
 - Counseling
 - Social Emotional Support
 - Special Education and English Language Learning Services
 - Tutoring
- BHS team working with architects to guide Macy's renovation project



School Operations During COVID

- Staff across all schools have been an example for the state and country
 - Commitment to students and families
 - Social-emotional well-being
 - Teaching and Learning
 - Excellent teacher attendance
- Community and families have made schools safe/supported



FY22 Baseline Budget Projections

- FY22 Baseline Budget Projection = \$96,585,870
 - \$5,060,582 increase from FY21
- Tax Commissioner's Dec. 1 letter projects **statewide average tax increase of 9%** for school spending growth in 3-5% range
 - State Ed Fund revenues are down and statewide needs up
- Without changes we would see a 13% tax increase; BSD committed to lowering that tax impact
 - Exploring use of surplus funding from FY21 (due to COVID)
 - Seeking support from Governor and Legislature for BHS/BTC
 - Reviewing current programs for efficiencies
- Budget development continues in December and January
 - Finance Committee meeting this Thursday, December 10
 - Board meeting Tuesday, December 15
- Board Decision in January