

South Burlington School District
December 30, 2009

To: School Board Members
From: John Everitt

Re: Superintendent Report – January 4, 2010
Policy 2.9 – Communication and Support to the Board

As you consider your decision on the recommended budget, I thought you might be interested in some trend data related to budget impact on residents as well as the state as a whole. Below is a list of updated graphs that I have given you in the past with information that may be helpful in your deliberations. All the FY11 data points represent the recommended budget.

- **Education Spending per Equalized Pupil** – This graph is a comparison of South Burlington weighted per pupil spending to the average in Vermont. It reflects the amounts drawn from the VT Education Fund, but does not show federal and other grant spending. It also does not show the cost per individual student without the weighting for poverty, grade level, or primary language.
- **SBSD Per Pupil Cost** – This graph is a comparison in the percent change in equalized per pupil cost between South Burlington and the state average. The same limitations on the graph above apply to this graph.
- **SBSD Per Pupil Cost Comparisons** – This chart shows details of area school districts for equalized pupils, per pupil spending using all available revenue, and Act 68 per pupil spending using only revenue from the VT Education Fund. (An interesting comparison can be made between Burlington and South Burlington. Using all available funds, both of us spend close to the same amount per equalized pupil, but because of differences in federal funds and other revenue, the Act 68 per pupil cost is quite different. This means that the corresponding residential tax rates differ as well.)
- **South Burlington Act 60/68 Spending** – This graph shows the South Burlington draw from the VT Education Fund both in total dollars and in year-to-year change.
- **SBSD Residential Tax Trends** – These two graphs show the history of South Burlington residential tax rates as well as the actual amount for a \$300,000 residence. (Different amounts were assessed for households included in the income sensitivity provision of Act 68.)