

March 25,2013

School Board of Directors  
15 School House Road  
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Dear Middletown Springs Residents:

Thank you to everyone who came out to vote on Town Meeting Day. Our school budget failed to pass 165-161. We offer this information to help inform you before you re-vote on April 30. We will serve a **free, light meal**, planned and prepared by our new cook Marianna Charalabopoulos, on **April 29, from 5:30-6:30 followed by an informational meeting starting at 6:30 in the multipurpose room at Middletown Springs Elementary School**, where we will discuss the following topics in more detail and answer your questions. **Free Childcare will be provided.**

At the informational meeting we will focus on the following points:

- 1. We have revised the budget to reflect the most current and accurate figures.** This yields a 3.01% increase over last years budget.
- 2 The Tax Rate is predicted to go down.** This means that if your house is appraised for the same amount as last year, you will be paying less school taxes than last year!
- 3. Quality time spent in school increases student success.**
- 4. Our budgeted regular Middletown Elementary School expenses are \$1,099,717.08, a difference of \$14,278.70 from FY13** due primarily to increases in salaries and increased health care premiums.
- 5. We share resources within the Supervisory Union.**
- 6. What does the Tinmouth vote mean to Middletown Springs?**

Please take this opportunity to learn about the facts and ask questions. We look forward to seeing you at the multi purpose room at Middletown Springs Elementary School. **If you are unable to attend the informational meeting please feel free to contact a school board member. A digital version of issues to be covered will be available at the school website [WWW.Middletownsprings.org](http://WWW.Middletownsprings.org) and at the town website [WWW.Middletownsprings.vt.gov](http://WWW.Middletownsprings.vt.gov). Please also look for updates and additional information at Front Porch Forum [WWW.frontporchforum.com](http://WWW.frontporchforum.com) and in the Middletown Springs Magnet, April Issue.**

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