



# ANNUAL REPORT

## Vermillion School District

### www.vermillion.k12.sd.us

#### MISSION STATEMENT:

Together we connect, inspire  
and achieve. (CIA)

#### VISION STATEMENT:

The Vermillion School District  
will build relationships that  
empower students to learn and  
optimize their potential.



#### SINCERE THANK YOU!

The Vermillion School Board and the entire school staff would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to our community for all of the support you provide our school and our students. Whether you are a business partner, a volunteer, a taxpayer, a parent or a student your contributions to our school are not unnoticed. We are fortunate to live in a community who values education and that provides added value to the educational experience. We strive each day to prepare students to be college, career, and life ready. Again, thanks for supporting your local school and we appreciate all you do for us!

### STUDENT LIFE: ACADEMIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR OFFERINGS AT VERMILLION SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### Elementary

After School Academic Programs

All Day, Every Day Kindergarten

Amplified Classrooms

Breakfast and Lunch Programs

Dedicated Computer Labs

Early Childhood Programs

Guidance and Counseling

Physical Education

Junior Achievement

Junior Kindergarten

Library

Pre-school Programs

Robotics Club

RtI Instruction in Reading

SMART Program

*Stimulating Maturity through*

*Accelerated Readiness Training*

Vocal

STREAM Labs

#### Middle School

Advisor/Advisee Program

Art

Athletic Program

Geography Bee

Homework Study Hall

After School Program

Instrumental and Vocal Programs

Junior Achievement

Math Counts

Robotics Club

Science Fair

Spelling Bee

Student Council

“Student of the Month” Awards

Show Choir

6-8th Grade Chrome Books

#### High School

AP Classes

Art

Band

Building Trades

Career and Technical Education

Chorus

Debate

Dual Credit Classes

Drama

German

Laptops for all students

Mentoring

Misc. Clubs

National Honor Society

Newspaper

Oral Interp

Residential Construction

Robotics Club

School and Club Sponsored

Athletics

Show Choir

Spanish

Student Council

Volunteer Opportunities

Yearbook

### ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL CLASSROOM AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE ADDITION

In May of 2020 the Vermillion School District broke ground on a 6000 square foot addition to the high school. The addition will house an alternative classroom space which will serve students in credit recovery or taking alternative classes outside of the traditional high school experience. This alternative classroom was located off of the school district campus until 2019 when it was moved to any empty, but crowded space at the high school. This larger and more improved space will be used for years to come to serve students of Vermillion High School.

Other important additions located within this project include new administrative offices for the district’s Business Office. That office was previously located in a building downtown. Bringing the Business Office to campus will allow for streamlined services and the reduction of leasing a building downtown.

A third highlight of this addition is the added security vestibule to the high school entrance. All visitors reporting to the high school will be required to go through the new administrative offices at the east entrance which allows students or visitors to be greeted and screened prior to entrance into the high school.

These improvements along with additional meeting rooms and storage space will provide more opportunities for the district to work efficiently at the new on campus location. The school board and school staff are excited for the opening of the facility in December 2020.



### 2019-20 SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCES

	Revenue	Expenditures
General	\$ 9,322,351	\$ 9,308,408
Capital Outlay	\$ 2,343,215	\$ 1,630,337
Special Education	\$1,897,104	\$ 1,754,119
Pension	\$ 604	\$ 61,604
Bond Redemption	\$ 124,846	\$ 259,803

The South Dakota Department of Education maintains financial information of school districts on a year-to-year basis. One area of financial information that is maintained by DOE is the cost to educate a child each year which includes general fund and some funding in the capital outlay area. The latest information presented by the Department of Education is 2019-20. During this school year the Department of Education determined that it cost \$8,678 to educate one child in the Vermillion School District. This amount ranks 118 out of the total 149 school districts in South Dakota which indicates that the cost to educate a child in the Vermillion District is less than 117 other districts in the state during the 2019-20 school year.

### 2020 DISTRICT SNAPSHOT

Area in sq. miles: 179

K-12 Enrollment: 1258 Full-time students

Percent Eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch: 31%

Percent of Students Receiving Special Education Services: 14%

Students Transported Daily: 300

Certified Staff to Student Ratio: 1:12

Primary Grades Average Class Size: 17

Elementary Grades Average Class Size: 21

District Attendance Rate: 96%

District Graduation rate: 90%

Number of 2020 Graduates: 85

2 Elementary Schools

1 Middle School

1 High School

1 Central Administration

### 2020 STAFF INFORMATION

Certified Instructors: 100

Average district teaching salary: \$45,570

Starting teacher salary: \$40,400

Average years of teacher experience: 16

Teachers with advanced degrees: 60%

Highly qualified teachers: 100%

For more information regarding the  
Vermillion School District:

Internet: www.vermillion.k12.sd.us

Phone: 605-677-7000 - Visit our schools

### CLASS OF 2020

- 24 Regents Scholars
- 8 Opportunity Scholars
- 40 Honor Students –  
3.5 GPA at the conclusion of high school

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND DUAL CREDIT

Vermillion High School had 73 students take advanced placement classes during the past school year. Of that number, 42 students enrolled in the concurrent credit option offered through Mt. Marty College. Concurrent credit denotes college credit granted for a high school course in which the course syllabus is approved by the post-secondary institution and the instructor is certified as adjunct faculty at the institution.

For many years, Vermillion High School has offered students traditional dual-credit opportunities in a number of courses, in which the student attends the class on campus, paying full tuition and fees for the course. These courses were provided through our close association with the University of South Dakota as well as other colleges and post-secondary institutions. In addition, through the SDDOE and SDBOR “dual credit for reduced tuition” program, both online and on-campus courses are available to students at a number of institutions at a reduced tuition cost of \$48.33 per credit hour. In addition, concurrent credit courses may be offered at the school site for college credit. Students must receive a passing grade in an approved college-level course taught by a teacher with a minimum of a master’s degree in their specialized field. Twenty-five students took multiple courses each semester.

### CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Vermillion has provided state approved technical course offerings in art, business, technology, family and consumer science, and industrial technology.

Vermillion school initiatives have changed regarding the preparation of students in career and technical education. Vermillion continues to add internship opportunities and has partnered with local contractors to increase building trades opportunities.



VERMILLION SCHOOL’S TRADITION OF SUCCESS

As we enter the 2020-21 school year the Vermillion Schools continue to be progressive and innovative in delivering educational services and opportunities to our students. Vermillion School’s tradition of success has been primarily due to the outstanding people that make up our school district.

Student enrollment continues to be steady, currently slated at 1258 students K-12. We also offer services for early childhood and preschool programs. Providing rigorous curriculum and diverse course offerings that challenge and prepare our youth remains the commitment of the District.

Our students strive to do their very best whether in the classroom or participating in activities. Our parents and community members provide exceptional support necessary to inspire our students and the resources to make sure our students have a broad range of experiences. We are blessed to have unique partnerships with our local hospital, City, VPSF, and University to name a few. The community involvement and business partnerships we cultivate help develop programs and opportunities that promote educational excellence and inclusion. One partnership with VPSF allows extra dollars for staff professional development.

Of our graduating 2020 seniors, over 72% went on to further their education at a post-secondary institution. Scholarships totaling more than \$1.1 million were awarded to many of these students. Our ACT score of seniors continues to be better than the State average. This year’s composite score was 22.7. Vermillion students historically have done well on the Smarter Balanced Assessment. Previous data has revealed that our students are performing ahead of the State average as well as many comparable school districts, in virtually all grades and subject areas.

Vermillion Schools are also focused on preparing students to be college, career, and life ready. There is an extensive offering of advanced placement and dual credit classes as well as a variety of career and technical education classes. Both pathways offer students options and provide them with courses that are geared towards student’s futures.

Working with our students are teachers, classified staff and administrators who provide needed support and leadership as well as encouragement and care for students to do their very best. Vermillion Schools are dedicated to making certain our students can be successful in the 21st Century. Through a solid foundation of strong community, supportive parents and inspired educators, our students have an opportunity to learn essential academic and life skills.

STATE ASSESSMENT REPORT

The South Dakota Department of Education currently administers standardized assessments in Math and English Language Arts (ELA) in grades 3-8 and 11, and Science in grades 5, 8, and 11. Math and ELA assessments are administered through the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC). Currently the Science assessment continues to be the Dakota Step (DSTEP) assessment. Vermillion School students continue to rank above the state average on the SBAC assessment.

ALL TAX FUNDS

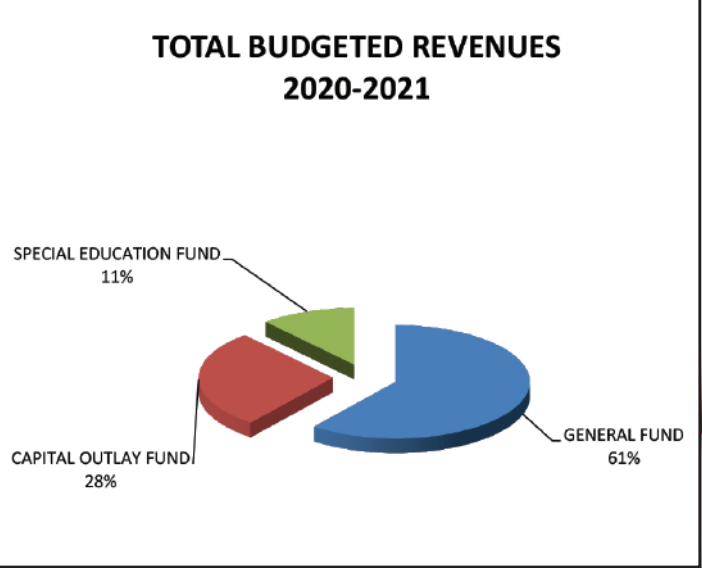
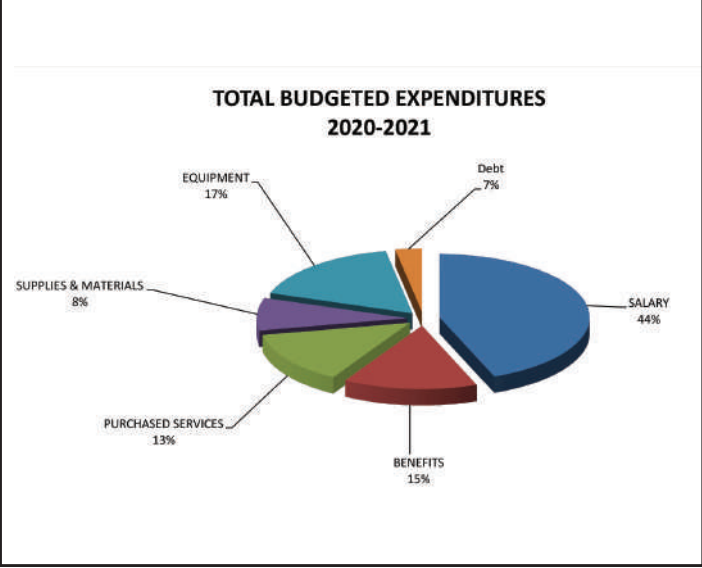
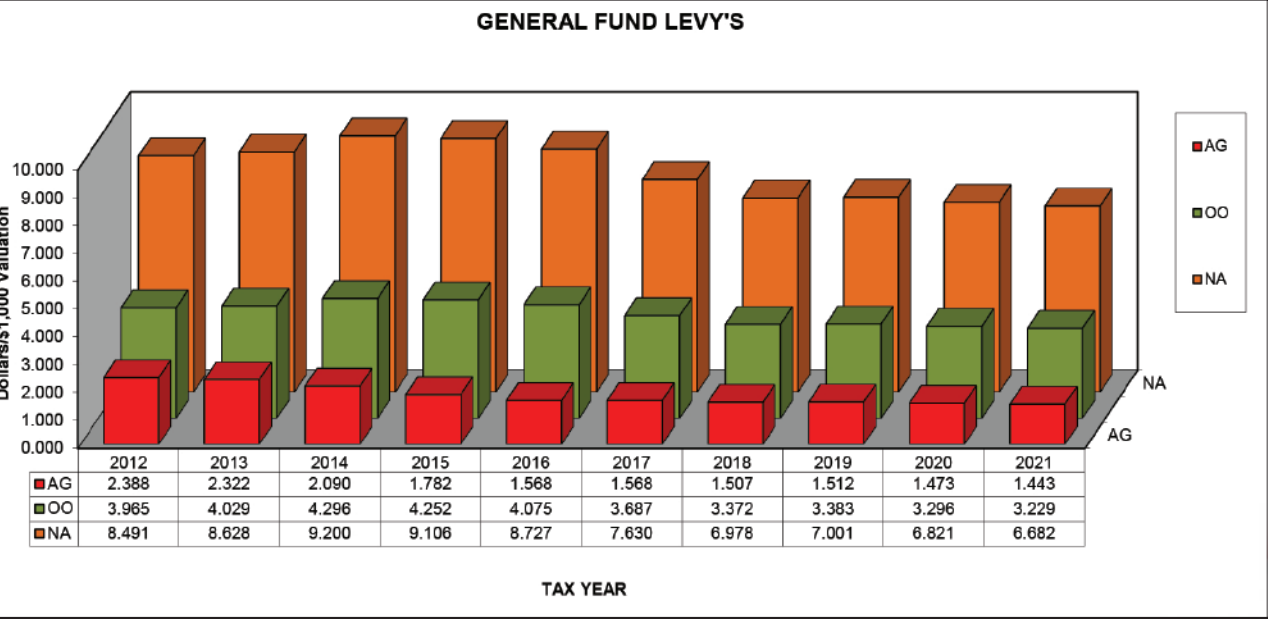
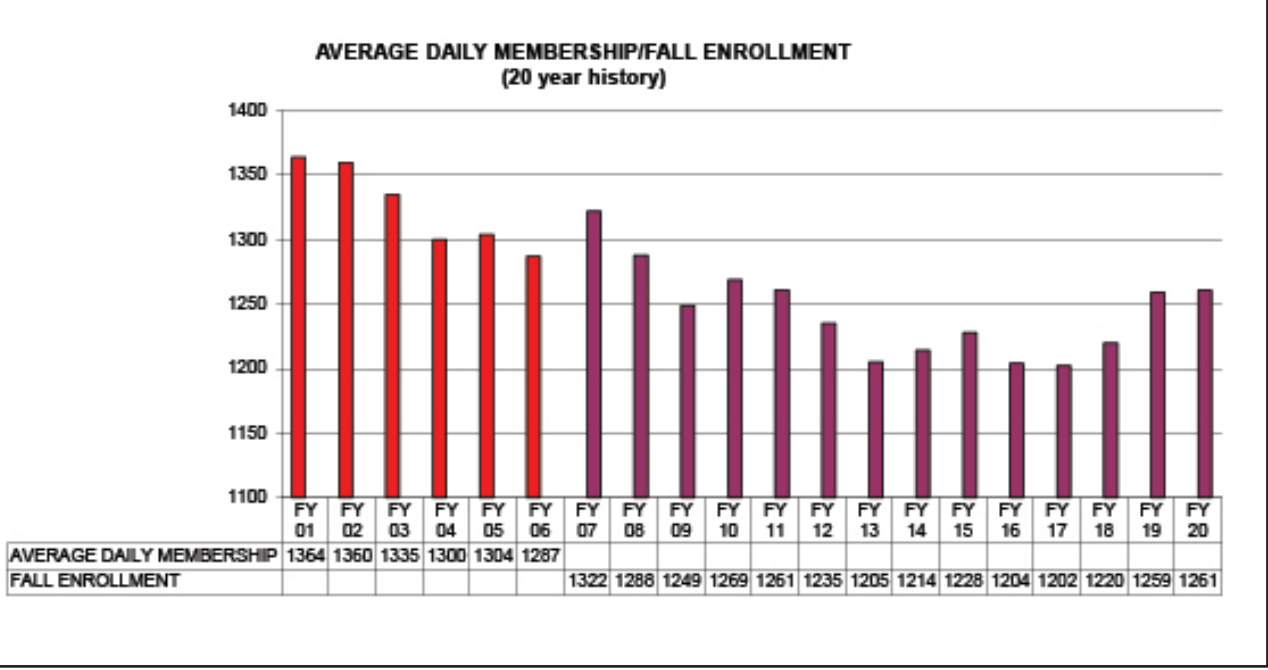
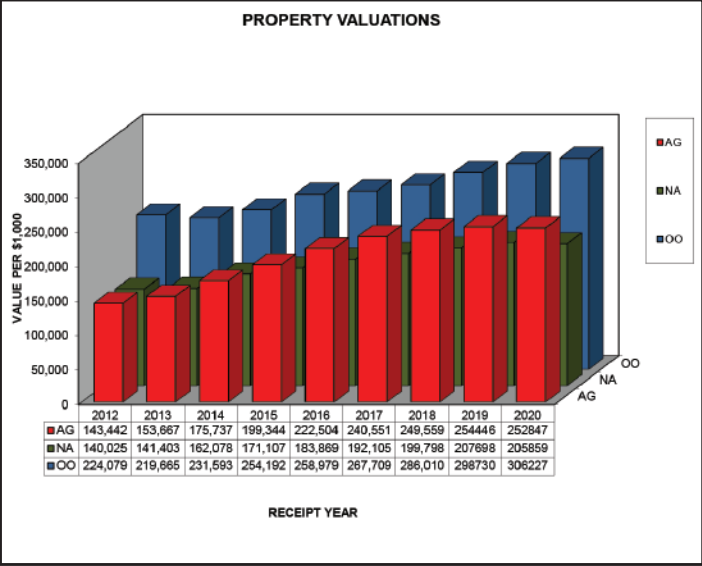
Revenues			Expenditures		
Property Tax	7,237,600		Salaries	6,934,458	
Other Local	202,500		Benefits	2,334,832	
County	155,000		Purchased Services	2,112,500	
State	4,636,175		Supplies & Materials	1,400,012	
Federal	685,974		Equipment & Other	379,325	
Use of Resources	703,453		Debt	459,575	
Total	13,620,702		Total	13,620,702	

SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT

Pre-school (Not included in count)		35		
Early Childhood (Not included in count)		10		
K	108		9	106
1	94		10	99
2	96		11	101
3	96		12	85
4	94		Other	4
5	77		*Total	1258
6	101		*Totals include part time home school students	
7	120			
8	102			

SCHOOL DISTRICT CONNECTED FULL AND PART-TIME PERSONNEL

School Board Members	5
Administrators	
General:	8
Special Education:	1
Teachers	
General	75
Pre-school	2
Title I	6
Title IIA	2
Special Education	15
Classified (Secretaries, Aides, Maintenance)	
General	25
Special Education	18
Early Childhood	1
Coaching Only	17
Beyond School Adventures	
Director	1
Student Supervisors	7
Lunchtime Solutions	
Director	1
Workers	13
ABC Bussing	
Director	1
Regular Drivers	8
Substitute Drivers	3
Total District Connected Full and Part-time Personnel	209



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