

Merrimack School District School District Warrant

March 4, 2024 (Deliberation)
and April 9, 2024 (Voting)
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Merrimack, County of Hillsborough, New Hampshire, qualified to vote in School District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the James Mastricola Upper Elementary School in said District on Monday March 4, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. for Session 1 (Deliberation), to discuss the matters to be voted on by official ballot; and to meet at the designated polling sites, James Mastricola Upper Elementary School, Merrimack Middle School, or St. John Neumann Church on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, Session 2 (Voting) for the choice of School District officers elected by ballot and any other action required to be inserted on said official ballot. The polls for the election of school district officers and other action required to be inserted on said ballot will open on said date at 7:00 a.m. and will not close earlier than 7:00 p.m. to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1 To elect all necessary school district officers for the ensuing year. (Vote by Ballot.)

ARTICLE 2 (Special Warrant Article) Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of Six Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,900,000) for the construction and original equipping of a new Central Office to include but not be limited to the Superintendent Services, Student Services, Student Wellness, Technology, Business Operations, and Human Resources, with Six Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,900,000) of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds and/or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1, et. seq., as amended; to authorize the School Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the School Board to apply for, obtain, and accept Federal, State, or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; and further to raise and appropriate One Hundred Seventy Four Thousand Dollars (\$174,000) for the purpose of interest payments on said bonds or notes during the fiscal year 2024-2025? (Three-fifths votes required)
(Recommended by the School Board: Vote 5-0-0).
(Recommended by the Budget Committee. Vote 12-0-1).

ARTICLE 3 Shall the Merrimack School Board be authorized to accept on behalf of the District, without further action by the voters, gifts, legacies and devises of personal or real property which may become available to the District during the fiscal year? (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the School Board Vote: 5-0-0).

ARTICLE 4 Shall the District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack School Board and the Merrimack Educational Support Staff Association which calls for the following net increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

Year	Estimated Amount
2024-2025	\$1,200,624
2025-2026	\$1,101,059
2026-2027	\$ 821,954

and further raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Two Hundred Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Four Dollars (1,200,624) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at the current staffing levels? (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the School Board Vote: 5-0-0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee Vote: 13-0-0).

ARTICLE 5 Shall the District, if Article 4 is defeated, authorize the School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 4 cost items only? (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the School Board Vote: 5-0-0).

ARTICLE 6 (Special Warrant Article) Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$797,000) for the purpose of roof replacement at James Mastricola Elementary School and James Mastricola Upper Elementary School? (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the School Board Vote: 5-0-0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee Vote: 13-0-0).

ARTICLE 7 (By Petition) To see whether the schools will stop pushing Common Core, Critical Race Theory, the 1619 Project, Social and Emotional Learning (SEL), climate change doom and gloom, the "Big Switch" lie, revisionist history, retroactive acceptance of socialism, and other leftwing politics on young, impressionable children.

ARTICLE 8 Shall the District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling 93,285,848? (Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$ 91,301,349 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the District or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only)? (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the School Board Vote: 5-0-0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee Vote: 10-2-0).