## Merrimack School District School District Warrant

March 8, 2016 (Deliberation) and April 12, 2016 (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 Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 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 site, James Mastricola Upper Elementary School on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 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** 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 3** Shall the District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the School Board and the Merrimack Teachers Association which calls for the following net changes in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

Year Estimated Amount 2016-2017 \$750,714 2017-2018 \$742,335 2018-2019 \$764,605

and further raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$750,714) 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: 3-1-0).

(Recommended by the Budget Committee Vote: 10-0-1).

**ARTICLE 4** Shall the District, if Article 3 is defeated; authorize the School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 3 cost items only? (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the School Board Vote: 5-0-0).

ARTICLE 5 (Special Warrant Article) Shall the District raise and appropriate an amount up to Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) or Ten percent (10%) of the unencumbered surplus funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year 2015-2016, whichever amount is less and to transfer that amount to the School District Repair Capital Reserve Fund? (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the School Board Vote: 5-0-0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee Vote: 10-0-1).

ARTICLE 6 Shall the District vote, pursuant to RSA 35:9-a, to authorize the Trustees of Trust Funds to charge any contractual management expenses incurred for the management of any District Capital Reserve funds for which the Trustees have been granted custody pursuant to RSA 35:2 against the capital reserve funds involved, rather than paying such expenses from the District general funds. Such authority shall remain in effect until rescinded by vote of the District which shall not occur within five (5) years from the date of this original authorization. (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the School Board Vote: 5-0-0).

ARTICLE 7 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 \$72,283,299? (Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$71,466,384 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: 10-0-0).

Given under our hands at said Merrimack this 15th day of February, 2016.

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SCHOOL BOARD