

Merrimack School District School District Warrant

March 8, 2022 (Deliberation)
and April 12, 2022 (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, 2022, 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 12, 2022, 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
2022-2023	\$1,247,930

and further raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Two Hundred Forty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$1,247,930) 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:11-0-0).

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 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 for a market adjustment added to base salary beginning in 2022-2023 to position the Merrimack Teachers Association at competitive rates in regards to surrounding districts in the amount of up to Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars (\$950,000), said sum not to exceed Twenty Five Percent (25%) of the unencumbered surplus funds remaining at the end of fiscal year 2021-2022? (Majority vote required (Recommended by the School Board Vote: 5-0-0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee Vote: 11-0-0).

NOTE: This Article represents a one-time salary adjustment to the scale for the fiscal year 2022-2023 and if approved will be imbedded into the salary schedule from 2022-2023 forward. It is not cumulative.

ARTICLE 6 (Special Warrant Article) Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Six Hundred Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,600,500) for the purpose of roof replacement at Thorntons Ferry Elementary School? (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the School Board Vote: 5-0-0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee Vote: 11-0-0).

ARTICLE 7 Shall the District vote to authorize the School Board indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, to retain year-end unassigned general funds in any fiscal year, in an amount not to exceed 5% of the current fiscal year's net assessment, in accordance with RSA 198:4-b,II? (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the School Board Vote: 4-1-0).

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 \$83,439,166? (Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$ 83,174,461 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: 11-0-0).