

SCHOOL WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Newmarket, in the County of Rockingham, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in district affairs: You are hereby notified of the annual meeting.

The first session, for the transaction of all business other than voting by official ballot, shall be held **Saturday, February 1, 2025; at 10:00 a.m.** at the **Newmarket Junior Senior High School**. The first session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles 02-07. Warrant articles may be amended, subject to the following limitations:

- (a) Warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended.
- (b) Warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for final vote on the main motion, as amended.
- (c) No warrant article shall be amended to eliminate the subject matter of the article.

The second session of the annual meeting, to vote on Articles 01-07 shall be conducted by official ballot to be held in conjunction with the Newmarket Town voting on **Tuesday, March 11, 2025**, at the Newmarket Town Hall Auditorium. The polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Article 1. To choose the following School District Officers:

- 1. One School District Moderator- (one year term)
- 2. One School District Clerk- (one year term)
- 3. One School District Treasurer- (one year term)
- 4. One School Board Member- (three-year term)
- 5. One School Board Member- (three-year term)

Article 2: Shall the Newmarket School District vote to 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 **\$28,311,594**? Should this Article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$28,261,333** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Newmarket School 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 ballot vote required).

The School Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (7-0)

Note: Warrant Article 2 (operating budget) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article. The total operating budget will be offset by estimated Federal grant revenues of \$400,000 and an estimated \$470,229 in local, state and federal child nutrition revenue, leaving a net budget of \$27,441,365. The amount of \$870,229 will not be raised by taxes. If passed, it is estimated that this

Article will result in an increase of \$0.62 over the previous year's school tax rate of \$13.34, which will result in a new estimated tax rate of \$13.96. If defeated, it is estimated that this Article will result in an increase of \$0.59 over the previous year's school tax rate of \$13.34 which will result in a new estimated tax rate of \$13.93.

Article 3: Shall the District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Newmarket School Board and the Newmarket Teachers' Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year:

Year	Estimated Increase
2025-2026	\$697,797
2026-2027	\$706,557
2027-2028	\$686,755
2028-2029	\$509,208

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$697,797 for the upcoming 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 current staffing levels?

The School Board recommends this appropriation (5-0)

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (7-0)

Note: The estimated tax impact of this Article is \$0.41. (Majority vote required).

Article 4: Shall the school district, if Article 3 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 3 cost items only? (Majority vote required).

Article 5: Shall the District vote to raise and appropriate \$200,000 to be added to the School Improvement Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, for the purpose of improving, expanding, maintaining, renovating, furnishing and equipping school buildings and further, to authorize the use of this amount from the June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. (No amount to be raised from taxation) (Majority vote required).

The School Board recommends this appropriation (5-0)

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (7-0)

Note: This recommendation is in accordance with the Newmarket School District Capital Improvement Plan 2025-2043, approved by the Newmarket School Board on 08/01/2024. The estimated tax impact of this Article is \$0.00. (Majority vote required).

Article 6: Shall the District vote to raise and appropriate \$65,000 to be added to the Special Education Trust Fund, previously established to meet the costs of unanticipated special education expenses and further, to authorize the use of this amount from the June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. (No amount to be raised from taxation) (Majority vote required).

The School Board recommends this appropriation (5-0)

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (7-0)

The estimated tax impact of this Article is \$0.00. (Majority vote required).

Article 7: To transact any business which may legally come before this meeting.

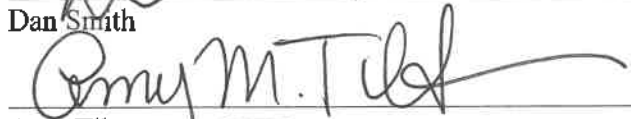
Given our hands at said Newmarket, New Hampshire, on the 15th day of January 2025.



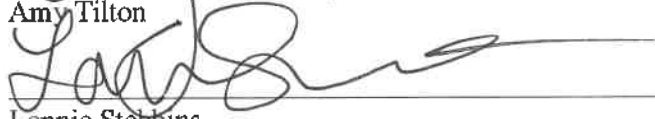
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Newmarket School Clerk