

2023 New Boston School District Voter Guide

New Boston Central School

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On behalf of the New Boston School Board, we are pleased to provide you with this year's School District Voter's Guide for your reference. The Board has worked together to develop explanations for each of the articles that will appear on the School District ballot on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 in the Tom Mansfield Gymnasium at the New Boston Central School. It is our continued goal to maintain open lines of communication with the public. We encourage you to reach out to us so that we can answer or clarify any questions you might have, nbcboard@sau19.org. We also encourage you to look at our website: <https://www.nbc.k12.nh.us/> for all budget related documents and presentations.

New Boston School Board 2022-2023

Kary Jencks (Chair)	Term Expires	2023
Bill Schmidt (Vice Chair)	Term Expires	2024
Belynda Cianci	Term Expires	2025
Julie Kirklin	Term Expires	2025
Sam Perron	Term Expires	2023

Keith Diaz (School District Moderator)	Term Expires	2023
William Gould (School District Treasurer)	Term Expires	2023
Maralyn Segien (School District Clerk)	Term Expires	2023

NBCS Administration

Tori Underwood	NBCS Principal
John Bridle	NBCS Assistant Principal
Jennifer Gilliland	NBCS Special Education Facilitator

SAU Administration

Brian Balke	Superintendent of Schools
Wendy Kohler	Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Scott Gross	Business Administrator
Laura Taylor	Assistant Business Administrator
Dr. Jennifer Dolloff	Director of Special Education

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of New Boston qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 in the Tom Mansfield Gym at New Boston Central School, at 7:00 P.M. for the first session of the School District Annual Meeting, also known as the first Deliberative Session, to act on the following subjects and determine matters which will then be voted upon by official ballot on Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

You are further notified to meet on Tuesday, March 14, **2023** also known as the second session, to vote on all matters by official ballot. The polls are open on March 14, 2023 at 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM in the Tom Mansfield Gym at New Boston Central School.

School Deliberative Ballot Determination Meeting
February 7, 2023

ARTICLE 1: Election of Officers

To choose two members of the School Board for the ensuing three years
To choose one School District Moderator for the ensuing three years
To choose one School District Treasurer for the ensuing three years
To choose one School District Clerk for the ensuing three years

ARTICLE 2: Operating Budget

Shall the School 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 Eighteen Million, Four Hundred Forty-two Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-One Dollars (\$18,442,171)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Eighteen Million, Three Hundred Twelve Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars, (\$18,312,948) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the 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. This warrant article (the Operating Budget Article) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant articles. (Majority vote required)

The School Board Voted 5-0 To Recommend

The Finance Committee Voted 6-0 To Recommend

EXPLANATION: The FY 2023-2024 Total Operating Budget of \$18,442,171 is recommended unanimously by the New Boston School Board and Finance Committee.

The School District's total operating budget is comprised of three major funds: general, special revenue/grants and food service. ***Only the general fund budget is supported by tax dollars.***

The proposed General Fund Operating Budget of \$17,945,522 is 641,036 or 3.7% more than last year's general fund budget, and \$129,223 more than the proposed FY 2023-2024 general fund default budget of \$17,816,299. (see below)

	2022-2023	2023-2024	Difference
General Fund	\$ 17,304,486	\$ 17,945,522	\$ 641,036
Special Revenue/Grants	\$ 202,909	\$ 300,000	\$ 97,091
Food Service	\$ 178,977	\$ 196,649	\$ 17,672
Total Operating Budget	\$ 17,686,372	\$ 18,442,171	\$ 755,799

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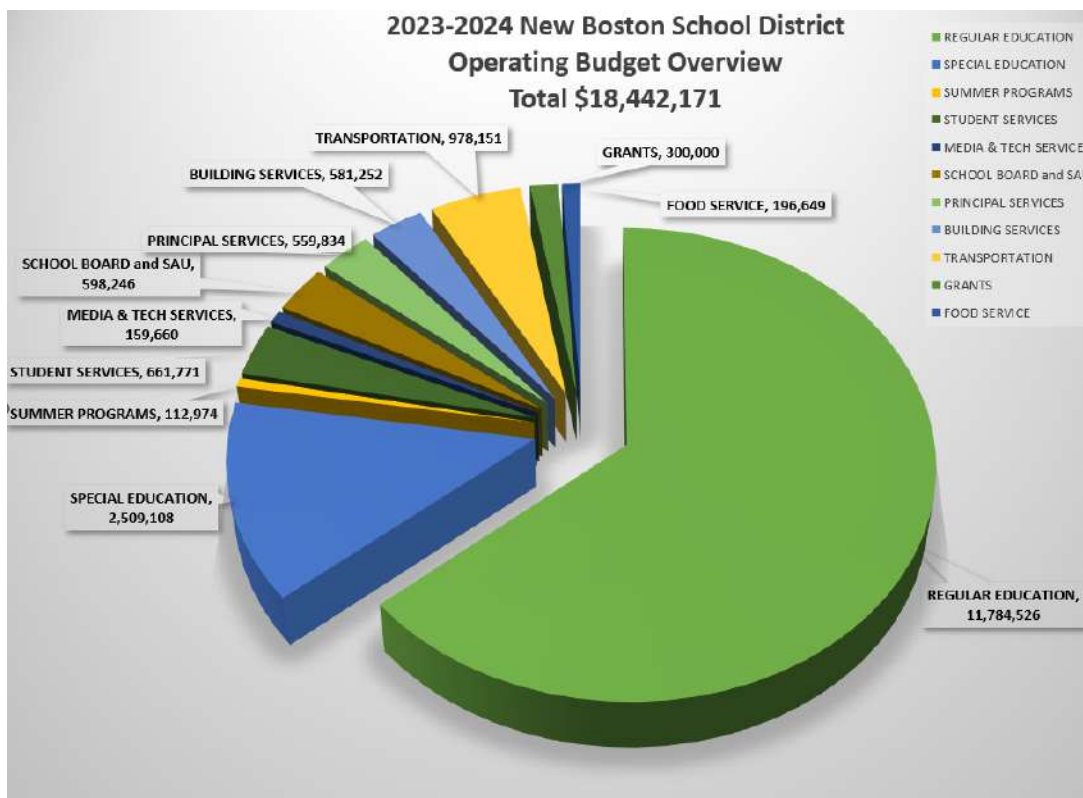
General Fund: The proposed general fund operating budget increases are driven by a few factors: 1) increased wage and benefit costs at NBCS based on previously approved contracts, 2) slight increases in the teacher substitute, equipment rental, and curriculum materials 3) special education increases, 4) increases in tuition charges to Goffstown and 5) increased costs of oil, propane, and electricity.

The New Boston Central School portion of the budget increased by 2% or a \$167,927 increase. There are currently 513 elementary school students attending New Boston Central School (including pre-school). This portion of the budget is managed locally and includes administration, teachers, staff, programming and service cost for the School District's pre-k, kindergarten, and elementary school operations.

The proposed operating budget also includes the cost of tuition for New Boston to send 159 students to Mountain View Middle School (increase of 16) and 346 students to Goffstown High School (decrease of 6). The tuition payments to the Goffstown School District are calculated using a formula from the AREA Agreement. The formula calculates New Boston's allocated share of the expense for our students attending Goffstown's schools and is based on the percentage of the total student population at those schools comprised of New Boston students, and the total budget appropriations required for Goffstown to operate those schools. The proposed operating budget also supports specialized in-district and out-of-district programs for all our students, no matter what their educational needs might entail, and no matter what school(s) they attend.

Special Revenue/Federal Grant Funding for New Boston has increased from the previous year. This total is \$300,000. This is a direct result of additional federal grant funds that we anticipate the School District will spend in FY 2023-2024.

Food Service: There is also a slight increase of \$17,672 for a new total of \$196,649. Both the Federal Grant Funds and Food Service Operations are self-funding; revenues are used to offset expenses.



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Per Pupil Spending:

The state elementary school average for per pupil expenses in 2021-2022 was \$20,060. New Boston Central School per pupil expenses for the 2021-2022 school year was \$15,615, the 4th lowest in the state out of 155 elementary schools. Despite this low spending, we exceed the state average in SAS testing.

STATE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM (SAS) 2022 RESULTS

	English/Language Arts		Mathematics		Science	
	NBCS	State	NBCS	State	NBCS	State
Grade 3	62%	45%	72%	51%		
Grade 4	64%	48%	83%	48%		
Grade 5	76%	54%	49%	38%	53%	38%
Grade 6	81%	53%	54%	39%		

The state middle school average for per pupil expenses in 2021-2022 was \$18,529 Mountain View Middle School per pupil expense for this same year was \$14,787 per pupil, the 4th lowest in the state out of 61 middle schools.

The state high school average for per pupil expenses in 2021-2022 was \$18,870. The per pupil expense for Goffstown High School in 2021-2022 was \$16,765, the 10th lowest in the state out of 73 high schools.

This budget does not include the costs associated with any other special warrant articles.

Overall, the New Boston School District has a long history of providing an excellent education to our students, at a responsible cost to taxpayers. The commitment of the NBCS staff to student achievement has yielded higher than average state assessments and reflects a strong return on the community's investments in our schools.

ARTICLE 3: Capital Reserve Fund Deposit:

Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate up to One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for deposit into the existing New Boston Central School Facilities Renovation and Repair Capital Reserve Fund and to authorize the use of that amount from the June 30, 2023 Unreserved Fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2023? This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the Operating Budget Article. (Majority vote required.)

The School Board Voted 5-0 To Recommend

The Finance Committee Voted 6-0 To Recommend

EXPLANATION:

The New Boston School District Facilities Renovation and Repair Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) has been an invaluable planning and budgeting tool for the School District. The CRF provides the School District the opportunity to repair and replace school infrastructure that is both planned and unexpected. In addition, the CRF is a valuable funding source in competing for competitive grants that require matching funds.

Over the past few years, the New Boston Central School completed a series of improvements and renovations at no cost to local taxpayers. These projects totaling more than \$750,000 included: new windows, new supplemental HVAC units, and a lighting retrofit project were paid for using one-time state aid, energy rebates, and the acceptance of a competitive energy grant.

The School Board remains committed to the upkeep and maintenance of New Boston Central School. This \$150,000 CRF deposit from the unassigned fund balance does not require an appropriation of new funds.

The existing capital will provide a potential funding source for future NBCS projects such as: septic system replacement, parking lot repavement, drainage, boiler replacement, and other future building infrastructure projects.

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In the Tom Mansfield Gym at the New Boston Central School

If you have any questions about the enclosed information, please contact:

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