

**SCHOOL WARRANT**  
**The State of New Hampshire**

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Milford, County of Hillsborough, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the School District of Milford will be held, in accordance with RSA 40:13, at the Milford High School in said Milford, with the first (deliberative) session on the tenth day of February 2022, at seven o'clock in the evening, to transact all business other than voting, and on the eighth day of March, in the Milford High School Gymnasium, for the second session for voting by official ballot at the polls on all matters in the warrant as well as officers and other matters to be voted on. The polls will be open on the eighth of March 2022 from 6:00 AM and will not close earlier than 8:00 PM.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** (Separate Ballot Vote)

- To choose two (2) members of the School Board for the ensuing three (3) years.
- To choose one (1) School District Moderator for the ensuing two (2) years.
- To choose one (1) School District Treasurer for the ensuing two (2) years.
- To choose one (1) School District Clerk for the ensuing two (2) years.

**1. SAU/MAINTENANCE BUILDING - \$3,343,570 BOND**

Shall the Milford School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,343,570 (gross budget) for the purpose of constructing a SAU/Maintenance building and conduct the necessary renovations to the current SAU occupied offices to allow for classroom use, and to authorize the issuance of a five year bond of not more than \$3,343,570 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Milford School Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The Milford School Board is hereby also authorized to apply for and accept gifts, grants, or other forms of assistance, if any, in order to offset the raising and appropriating of the funds referenced above and further to raise and appropriate an additional sum of \$83,589 for the first year's interest payment of the bond. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, III and will not lapse until the purpose for which the appropriation is made, as identified on said above project is completed. This is a special warrant article pursuant to RSA 32:3 (VI) (b). **School Board: recommends this article (vote 4-1); Budget Advisory Committee: recommends this article (vote 6-0). (3/5 ballot vote required or 60% affirmative vote to pass) This article has an estimated tax impact of \$4.00 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000, however, beginning in the 2024 fiscal year this article has an estimated tax impact of \$35.00, \$34.00, \$34.00, \$33.00, and \$33.00 respectively on an assessed valuation of \$100,000 over the next five (5) year period.**

The Milford School District Feasibility Study, conducted in 2020, identified up to \$8 million in repairs, maintenance, and renovations at the Bales building. To avoid this expense and to save additional costs, the District will close the Bales building. In doing so, the Project Drive high school students must be relocated from the Bales School to the existing SAU space which will be renovated to meet program and student needs.

**2. SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATING BUDGET - \$45,149,187**

Shall the Milford 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 **\$45,149,187?** Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be **\$44,546,621** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Milford 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. **School Board: recommends this article (vote 4-1); Budget Advisory Committee: recommends/does not recommend this article (vote 4-2). (Majority vote required)** This article has an estimated tax impact of **\$53.00** on an assessed valuation of **\$100,000**, over the **FY 2022 Budget**.

**3. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT: MILFORD ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP**

Shall the District vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement (2022/23 through 2024/25) reached between the Milford School Board and the Milford Administrative Group), which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Account	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Salaries (Yr1 - 3%, Yr2 - 2.5%, Yr3- 2% increase)	\$48,818	\$42,700	\$35,611
Insurance Adjustment	\$ 4,159	\$ 4,622	\$ 895
Wage-Driven Benefits on Salaries	\$13,050	\$12,070	\$ 9,952
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$66,027</b>	<b>\$59,392</b>	<b>\$46,458</b>

and further, to increase the operating budget adopted in Article 2 for the upcoming fiscal year 2022-23 by \$66,027, 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 in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. The costs for the years of the agreement beyond the upcoming 2022-2023 fiscal year will be included in the operating budget proposal for each of those years. **School Board: recommends this article (vote 4-1); Budget Advisory Committee: recommends this article (vote 6-0). (Majority Vote Required. This article has an estimated tax impact of \$3.00 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

**4. MAINTENANCE EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND:**

Shall the Milford School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 to be added to the Maintenance Expendable Trust previously established and to further raise and appropriate this sum from taxation. **School Board: recommends this article (vote 5-0); Budget Advisory Committee: recommends this article (vote 6-0). (Majority Vote Required) No estimated tax impact.**

**5. SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND:**

Shall the Milford School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No new amount to be raised from taxation. **School Board: recommends this article (vote 5-0); Budget Advisory Committee: recommends this article (vote 6-0). (Majority vote required) This article has no tax impact.**

6. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

**GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AT SAID MILFORD THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.**

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