

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
MONADNOCK REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARRANT FOR 2023-2024

To the inhabitants of the Cooperative School District in the Towns of Fitzwilliam, Gilsum, Richmond, Roxbury, Swanzey and Troy qualified to vote in the District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Monadnock Regional Middle/High School on **Saturday, the 4th day of February, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock** in the forenoon for the purpose of hearing an explanation of the following subjects and to carry on any discussion or debate with respect thereto, with said subjects to be open to amendment:

NOTICE: School District Officers will be elected at the second session of the Annual Meeting of the Monadnock Regional School District on March 14, 2023 in accordance with the statutory election procedures adopted by a vote of the District on March 11, 1996. The School District Warrant for the election of School District Officials will be posted in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA) 40:13 in each of the District's member Towns.

The polls will be open to voters in their towns of residence on March 14, 2023, as follows:

Fitzwilliam- Town Hall, 11 am - 7 pm
Gilsum- Gilsum Community Center, 1 pm -7 pm
Richmond- Veteran's Hall, 11 am -7 pm
Roxbury- Meeting House, 6 pm - 8 pm (7 pm Town Meeting)
Swanzey- Monadnock Regional Middle-High School Gymnasium, 8 am -7 pm
Troy- Samuel E. Paul Community Center 10 am -7pm

ARTICLE ONE: Shall the Monadnock Regional School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars \$41,500,000 for the purpose of renovating and consolidating the district elementary schools by constructing an addition to Mt Caesar Elementary School and renovating Troy Elementary, Emerson Elementary, and Gilsum STEAM Academy, and to authorize the issue of not more than Twenty-One Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars \$21,500,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and appropriate up to Six Hundred Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars \$614,150 in interest earned on the invested bond proceeds for purposes of such project; with the remaining balance of Nineteen Million, Three Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars \$19,385,850 to come from a State Building Aid grant; to authorize the School Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the School Board to apply for, obtain, accept and expend any and all Federal, State, or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project, including, but not limited to the Building Grant, and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; and to authorize the School Board to take any and all action necessary in connection therewith or to pass any other vote relative thereto; and furthermore to raise and appropriate an additional sum of Five Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars \$537,500 for the first year's interest payment on the bond? **This project is contingent upon the District being awarded the Building Grant and if the District is not awarded the Building Grant, then this article shall be deemed null and void.** The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (3/5 ballot vote required.)

ARTICLE TWO: Shall the Monadnock Regional School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, totaling \$34,111,157 (\$970,000 is required for federal grants and nutrition grants that are funded by separate State and Federal revenues)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget will be \$34,030,189 (\$970,000 is required for federal grants and nutrition grants that are funded by separate State and Federal revenues) which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Monadnock Regional School District 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. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$385,000 for roof replacement at Monadnock Regional Middle-High School. This is a special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32:3 VI. This will be a non-lapsing warrant article per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or June 30, 2026, whichever is earlier. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the 3-year Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Monadnock Regional School Board and the Monadnock Education Support Staff Association (MESSA) for the following increases in wages and benefits at the current staffing level. The estimated increase in the costs for wages and benefits under the collective bargaining agreement are as follows:

Year	Estimated Increase
2023/24	\$202,443 - Salaries
	\$ 44,636 - Wage associated costs
	<u>\$ 3,300</u> - Uniforms
	\$250,379
2024/25	\$ 97,912 - Salaries
	\$ 22,500 - Opt-Out increase
	<u>\$ 25,503</u> - Wage associated costs
	\$145,915
2025/26	\$102,324 - Salaries
	<u>\$ 21,672</u> - Wage associated costs
	\$123,996

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$250,379** for the 2023-24 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in wage and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing level paid in the 2022-23 year. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum is to come from the June 30, 2023 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2023. No new amount will be raised from taxation. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the District Vehicle Expendable Trust Fund previously established in 2020. This sum is to come from the June 30, 2023 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2023. If there is an insufficient, unassigned fund balance as of June 30, 2023, to fund this appropriation and the appropriation in Article Five, then Article Five will be funded first, with any additional unassigned fund balance to be applied to this warrant article. No new amount will be raised from taxation. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE SEVEN: Shall the Monadnock Regional School District receive and approve the reports of the agents, auditors, committees, and officers chosen as printed and distributed in the Annual Report? (Majority vote required)

By the Monadnock Regional School Board: Given under our hands and seal this 17th day of January, 2023.

Copy of notice – Attest: Lillian C. Sutton
District Clerk

01/25/2023
Date



School Board Signatures:

Joe Steadman
Calvin
Elizabeth Tatro
Joe

Michelle A Connor
Wally Loun
[Signature]