

# SAMPLE BALLOT

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
MONADNOCK REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL ELECTION  
MARCH 13, 2018  
GILSUM**

*Allean Sutton*  
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●  
 B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.  
 C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<b>MODERATOR</b>	<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b>
One Year Term <input type="radio"/> <small>Vote for not more than ONE</small>	Three Year Term <input type="radio"/> <small>Vote for not more than ONE</small>
BILL HUTWELKER <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
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**ARTICLES**

**ARTICLE ONE:** Shall the Monadnock Regional School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations votes separately, totaling \$32,293,181 (\$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 \$31,944,910 (\$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)

YES   
NO

**ARTICLE TWO:** To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,400,000 for renovations at the Mount Caesar Elementary 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 and will not lapse until the renovation projects are complete or June 30, 2021 whichever is earlier. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required)

YES   
NO

**ARTICLE THREE:** To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$330,000 for the asbestos abatement and flooring at the Middle/High School, Cutler, and Mt. Caesar; replacing a portion of the Gilsum Elementary School Roof; installation of a new well at Emerson School; and updating a handicapped accessible restroom at Mt. Caesar and repair work at Troy. 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 and will not lapse until the maintenance projects are complete or June 30, 2021 whichever is earlier. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required)

YES   
NO

**ARTICLE FOUR:** 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 to come from the June 30, 2018 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2018. No new amount to be raised from taxation. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required)

YES   
NO

**VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT**

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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

**ARTICLE FIVE:** 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 Specialists of the Monadnock District for the following increases in wages and benefits at the current staffing levels. The estimated increase in the costs for wages and benefits under the collective bargaining agreement are as follows:

Year	Estimated Increase
2018/19	\$17,491 - Salaries \$4,143 - Wage-Driven Benefits (FICA, New Hampshire Retirement) \$21,634 - Total - Year 1
2019/20	\$16,489 - Salaries \$3,892 - Wage-Driven Benefits (FICA, New Hampshire Retirement) \$20,381 - Total - Year 2
2020/21	\$16,327 - Salaries \$3,852 - Wage-Driven Benefits (FICA, New Hampshire Retirement) \$20,179 - Total - Year 3

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,634 for the 2018-19 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in wages and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the 2017-18 year. The School Board supports this appropriation. The Budget Committee supports this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

YES   
NO

**ARTICLE SIX:** To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the 1- year Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Monadnock Regional School Board and the Monadnock District Education Association (MDEA) for the following increases in wages and benefits at the current staffing levels. The estimated increase in the costs for wages and benefits under the collective bargaining agreement are as follows:

Year	Estimated Increase
2018/19	\$383,585 - Salaries (\$10,000) - Longevity (\$59,000) - Sixth Class Stipend (\$101,010) - Medical Insurance (Driver Change with 82/18 Cost Share) \$6,500 - Overnight Stipend \$95,935 - Wage- Driven Benefits (FICA, New Hampshire Retirement) \$316,010 -Total - Year 1

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$316,010 for the 2018-19 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in wages and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the 2017-18 year. The School Board supports this appropriation. The Budget Committee supports this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

YES   
NO

**ARTICLE SEVEN:** To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the 2-year Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Monadnock Regional School Board and the Monadnock Educational Support Staff Association (MESSA) for the following increases in wages and benefits at the current staffing levels. The estimated increase in the costs for wages and benefits under the collective bargaining agreement are as follows:

Year	Estimated Increase
2018/19	\$104,357 - Salaries \$19,859 - Wage- Driven Benefits (FICA, New Hampshire Retirement) \$2,050 - Vision Insurance \$126,266 -Total - Year 1
2019/20	\$72,262 - Salaries \$13,752 - Wage- Driven Benefits (FICA, New Hampshire Retirement) \$9,150 - Insurance Opt-Out Increase \$95,164 -Total - Year 2

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$126,266 for the 2018-19 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in wages and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the 2017-18 year. The School Board supports this appropriation. The Budget Committee does not support this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

YES   
NO

**ARTICLE EIGHT:** To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to change the formula for apportionment of operational costs from 25% based on equalized valuation and 75% based on average daily membership to 50% based on equalized valuation and 50% based on average daily membership as of July 1st, 2017 with no change being made in the present formula for apportioning capital expenses. RSAs 197:6, 195:13, 195:8. By petition. The school board has taken no position on this article. The budget committee has taken no position on this article.

YES   
NO

**ARTICLE NINE:** To listen to opinions of a purely advisory nature with regards to the conduct of school affairs for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required).

YES   
NO

**VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT**