

TOWN OF LOWELL WARRANT ARTICLES
FOR TOWN MEETING
ARTICLES PURSUANT TO 20-A M.R.S.A. SECTION 1485

To: Lisa Woodward, a resident of the Town of Lowell, the County of Penobscot, and State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Lowell in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in the Town of Lowell affairs, to meet at the Lowell Town Office in the Town of Lowell, Maine on **June 20, 2024 at 6:00pm** in the Town of Lowell, and then and there to act upon the following articles, to witness:

- ARTICLE 1** To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- ARTICLE 2** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for REGULAR INSTRUCTION. **Recommend \$527,600.00**
- ARTICLE 3** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for SPECIAL EDUCATION. **Recommend \$85,000.00**
- ARTICLE 4** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION. **Recommend \$2700.00**
- ARTICLE 5** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION. **Recommend \$27,982.00**
- ARTICLE 6** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for TRANSPORTATION AND BUSES. **Recommend \$48,838.30**
- ARTICLE 7** To see what sum the municipality will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688. **Recommend \$397,310.34**

"Explanation: The school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars."

- ARTICLE 8** Shall Lowell raise and appropriate **\$230,490.11** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$230,490.11** as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee?
The school committee recommends **\$230,490.11** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$230,490.11**
(NOTE: Requires written ballot)

"Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Lowell School Department budget for educational programs."

- ARTICLE 9** Shall the regional Northern Penobscot Tech Region III Career and Technical Education operating budget as approved by the cooperative board for the year beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 be approved in the amount of **\$2,295,316.07** and shall Lowell raise **\$2,694.38** as its debt service local share of Northern Penobscot Tech Region III?
- ARTICLE 10** Shall the Northern Penobscot Tech Region III approve a budget for Adult Education in the amount of **\$43,900.00** for the year beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and well-being of its Adult Education program, and shall Lowell raise **\$251.87** as its local share of the Adult Education budget for the Career and Technical Education Region?
- ARTICLE 11** Shall the Cooperative Board of the Northern Penobscot Career and Technical Education Region III be authorized to expend funds in the **Capital Reserve Account** for the purpose that such reserve account was created and, in an amount, not to exceed the lesser of **\$197,442.38** or the balance of such reserve account for the year beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025?
The School Committee recommends a "Yes" vote.
- ARTICLE 12** Shall Lowell be authorized to expend such additional sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?
The School Committee recommends a "Yes" vote.
- ARTICLE 13** To see what sum Lowell will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools. **Recommend \$692,120.30**