



OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION
MILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 11, 2025

*A True Copy
I ATTEST
3-11-25
[Signature]*

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- To Vote: Completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice like this: . For each office vote for up to the number of candidates stated in the sentences. "Vote for not more than 1;" or "Vote for up to X;" X will be elected." If you vote for more than the state number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted.
- To Vote by Write-in: To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write in the name of the person in the "write-in" oval to the right of the "write-in" space like this .

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

3 year term Vote for up to 2;
Two will be elected

RYAN FREED 2060

SUSAN SMITH 2079

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

QUESTIONS

01. CTE/MHS RENOVATION PROJECT - \$23,565,000 GROSS BUDGET (\$9,900,000 STATE OF NH RENOVATION AND EXPANSION GRANT) (\$13,665,000 BOND):

Shall the Milford School District raise and appropriate the sum of **\$23,565,000** (gross budget) for the design, construction, and equipping of **additions and renovations to the Milford High School Applied Technology Center** and necessary improvements to the High School, including, but not limited to; **replacements of the roof, HVAC roof top units, exhaust fans, unit ventilators, restrooms, secure main entrance; repairs of the masonry wall units; renovations to art and science classrooms** ("the Project"); to authorize the issuance of not more than **\$13,665,000** in bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act, (RSA Chapter 33); to authorize the Milford School Board to apply for, accept, and expend funding of up to **\$9,900,000** from the State of New Hampshire Renovation and Expansion Grant funding from the NH Department of Education (DOE) (which amount represents 75% of eligible costs of the DOE approved CTE project per RSA 188-E:10,1(e)) and not from local taxes; to authorize the Milford School Board to apply for, accept and expend any federal, state, or other aid and/or donations and/or private funds which may become available for the Project to reduce the amount that must be bonded; to authorize the Milford School Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds and notes and to determine the date, maturities, interest rate, and other details of such bonds or notes; to authorize the Milford School Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto and to comply with all laws applicable to the Project; and further to raise and appropriate an additional sum of **\$350,000** for the first year's interest payment of the bond? If the DOE CTE funding is less than **\$9,900,000**, the appropriation in this article will be reduced by the difference between the funding anticipated (**\$9,900,000**) and the actual funding the Milford School District receives and the project scope will be adjusted accordingly.
(3/5 ballot vote required to pass)

School Board: Recommends this article (vote 5-0)

Budget Advisory Committee: recommends this article (vote 7-0)

This article has an estimated tax impact of \$16.81 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000 in the first year. The estimated tax impact in the second year is \$67.40 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000. The estimated tax impact in the third year is \$65.84 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.

1607 YES
1169 NO

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

QUESTIONS CONTINUED

02. MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL ROOF PROJECT - \$1,500,000 GROSS BUDGET (\$1,500,000 BOND) - by Petition:

In the event that Article I is not approved, to see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1.5 million** (gross budget) to replace the Milford High School roof ("the Project") and to authorize the issuance of not more than **\$1.5 million** of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); to authorize the Milford School Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the date, maturities, interest rate, and other details of such bonds or notes; to authorize the Milford School Board to apply for, accept and expend any federal, state, or private funds that may become available in respect of the Project to reduce the amount that must be bonded or to pay debt service on such bonds or notes; and further to raise and appropriate an additional sum of **\$50,000.00** for the first year's interest payment of the bond? **(3/5 ballot vote required to pass)**

School Board: Recommends this article (vote 5-0)

Budget Advisory Committee: Recommends this article (vote 7-0)

This article has an estimated tax impact of **\$2.45** on an assessed valuation of **\$100,000** in the first year. The estimated tax impact in the second year is **\$16.52** on an assessed valuation of **\$100,000**.

2124 YES
689 NO

03. SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATING BUDGET - \$50,029,504

Shall the Milford School District vote to raise and appropriate as an **Operating Budget** for the fiscal year 2025-2026, 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 **\$50,029,504**. **The proposed operating budget has an estimated tax impact of \$147.66 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000, over the FY 2025 Budget.**

Should this article be defeated, the **Default Budget** shall be **\$50,415,014**, 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. **The calculated default budget has an estimated tax impact of \$166.18 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000, over the FY 2025 Budget.**

School Board: Recommends this article (vote 4-1);

Budget Advisory Committee: Does not recommend this article (vote 3-4). (Majority vote required)

1555 YES
1246 NO

04. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT: MILFORD ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (\$240,310 GRAND TOTAL OVER 4 YEARS)

Shall the Milford School District vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement (2025/2026 through 2028/2029) 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	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	Grand Total
Salaries	\$77,629	\$48,268	\$46,785	\$40,498	\$213,180
Benefits	\$9,252	\$5,126	\$6,126	\$6,626	\$27,130
Totals	\$86,881	\$53,394	\$52,911	\$47,124	\$240,310

and further to raise and appropriate **\$86,881** for the upcoming fiscal year 2025-2026, 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 2025-2026 fiscal year will be included in the operating and default budgets for each of those years.

School Board: Recommends this article (vote 4-1);

Budget Advisory Committee: Recommends this article (vote 5-2). (Majority vote required).

This article has an estimated tax impact of **\$4.17** on an assessed valuation of **\$100,000** in the first year. The estimated tax impact for the remaining years based on an assessed valuation of **\$100,000** are: **\$2.56** in 2026-2027, **\$2.54** in 2027-2028, and **\$2.26** in 2028-2029.

1604 YES
1197 NO

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT