

**GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT
2023
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Governor Wentworth Regional School District in the Towns of Brookfield, Effingham, New Durham, Ossipee, Tuftonboro, and Wolfeboro, qualified to vote upon Governor Wentworth Regional School District affairs:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative)

You are hereby notified to meet at the Kingswood Arts Center, in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, on Saturday, the 4th day of February 2023, at 10:00 AM. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles II through IX. Warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended and (b) warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended.

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Voting by Official Ballot)

Voting on warrant articles I through X shall be conducted by official ballot and will occur in conjunction with the town meeting to be held in each town on Tuesday, the 14th day of March 2023. Voting shall take place at the following locations and times:

TOWN	LOCATION	TIME
Brookfield Voters	Brookfield Town House	1:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Effingham Voters	Effingham Town Hall	11:00 AM – 7:00 PM
New Durham Voters	New Durham School	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Ossipee Voters	Ossipee Town Hall	10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Tuftonboro Voters	Tuftonboro Central School	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Wolfeboro Voters	Wolfeboro Town Hall	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

ARTICLE I: To choose the following school district officers:

- (a) School Board Member from Brookfield.....3-year term
- School Board Member from Wolfeboro..... 3-year term
- School Board Member-At-Large.....3-year term
- School Board Member-At-Large.....1-year term

- (b) School District Moderator..... 1-year term

ARTICLE II: To see if the Governor Wentworth Regional School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Governor Wentworth Regional School Board and the Governor Wentworth Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2024	\$ 752,025
2025	\$ 1,021,601
2026	\$ 1,047,371

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$752,025 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, 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. **The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)**

ARTICLE III: Shall the Governor Wentworth Regional School District, if Article II is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article II cost items only? **(Majority vote required)**

ARTICLE IV: Shall the Governor Wentworth Regional School District 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 \$59,810,618? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$59,304,374 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Governor Wentworth Regional 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. *** NOTE: This warrant article (operating budget) does not include appropriations requested in ANY of the other warrant articles. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)**

ARTICLE V: To see if the Governor Wentworth Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) to be added to the Turf Field Capital Reserve Fund previously established and furthermore to name the school board as agents to expend. This sum to come from the June 30, 2023 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2023. No amount to be raised from taxation. **The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)**

ARTICLE VI: Shall the Governor Wentworth Regional School District raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty-thousand dollars (\$150,000) for repairs and improvements of buildings/grounds at the Kingswood Regional High School, Kingswood Regional Middle School, Lakes Region Technology Center, Kingswood Arts Center, Carpenter School, Crescent Lake School, Effingham Elementary School, New Durham School, Ossipee Central School, Tuftonboro Central School and the SAU 49/Transportation Facility? **The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)**

ARTICLE VII: To see if the Governor Wentworth Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-five-thousand eighty dollars (\$55,080) for the purpose of creating a new regular school year position of School Resource Police Officer (SRO) for Kingswood Complex. **The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)**

ARTICLE VIII: To see whether the Governor Wentworth Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for the purpose of acquiring a 40-year agreement with the Town of Wolfeboro for exclusive year-round use of two locker rooms and one room with showers and bathroom facilities at the renovated Pop Whalen Ice and Art Center. **The School Board does not recommend this appropriation. (SUBMITTED BY PETITION – This Special Warrant Article requires a majority vote)**

ARTICLE IX: WARRANT ARTICLE REAFFIRMING OUR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS

By Petition of 50 or more eligible voters of the Governor Wentworth Regional School District to see if the district will vote to prohibit expending district funds for the purpose of taking action towards the banning of books or any other content from our Governor Wentworth Regional School District libraries thereby guaranteeing our citizens their First Amendment Rights and their rights under the New Hampshire Constitution [Art.] 22. [Free Speech; Liberty of the Press.]

Additionally, to see if the voters will direct the Governor Wentworth Regional School District School Board to urge the New Hampshire General Court to stop all actions including House and Senate Bills

infringing upon our First Amendment Rights as explained in the 1939 Library Bill of Rights, the 1953 Freedom to Read Statement, and 1999 Libraries: An American Value.

The record of this vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Governor Wentworth Regional School District School Board to our New Hampshire State Legislators, our Carroll County Attorney, our Strafford County Attorney, the New Hampshire Education Committee, and Commissioner of Education Frank Edelblut, informing them of the vote of the Governor Wentworth Regional School District March 14, 2023, District wide Elections within 30 days. **The School Board does recommend this article. (SUBMITTED BY PETITION – This Special Warrant Article requires a majority vote)**

ARTICLE X: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.