

HOLLIS/BROOKLINE COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARRANT
The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Hollis/Brookline Cooperative School District in the Towns of Hollis and Brookline in the County of Hillsborough, State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in District Affairs.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE HOLLIS BROOKLINE HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM IN SAID DISTRICT ON THE **NINETEENTH DAY OF MARCH, 2024** AT SIX THIRTY IN THE EVENING TO ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS.

Article 1. To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items for the fourth year of a four-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School Board and the Hollis Education Support Staff Association for the 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years, which calls for the following increases in support staff salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2024-25	\$82,473

and further to raise and appropriate a sum of **\$82,473** for the fourth fiscal year (2024-25 school year), such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in support staff salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. Majority vote required. **The school board recommends this article 0-0-0. The budget committee recommends this article 0-0-0.**

Article 2. To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items for the first year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School Board and the Hollis Education Association for the 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years, which calls for the following increases in professional staff salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase	Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase	Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2024-25	\$1,163,460	2025-26	\$498,861	2026-27	\$478,808

and further to raise and appropriate a sum of **\$1,163,460** for the first fiscal year (2024-25 school year), such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in professional staff salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. Majority vote required. **The school board recommends this article 0-0-0. The budget committee recommends this article 0-0-0.**

Article 3. To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of **\$28,058,084** for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district. This appropriation does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. Majority vote required. **The school board recommends this article 0-0-0. The budget committee recommends this article 0-0-0.**

Article 4. Shall the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,169,828** as the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District's portion of the SAU budget of **\$2,377,762** for the forthcoming fiscal year? This year's adjusted budget of **\$2,356,823** with **\$1,159,526** assigned to the school budget of this school district will be adopted if the article does not receive a majority vote of all the school district voters voting in this school administrative unit. Majority vote required. **The school board recommends this article 0-0-0. The budget committee recommends this article 0-0-0.**

Article 5. To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of **\$300,000** to be added to the previously established School Building and Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. The sum to come from the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District's June 30, 2024 unassigned fund balance, available on July 1, 2024. Majority vote required. **The school board recommends this article 0-0-0. The budget committee recommends this article 0-0-0.**

Article 6. To see if the school district will vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate up to **\$125,000** to go into the fund.

This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance available on July 1, 2024, and no amount to be raised from taxation. Any appropriation left at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. Majority vote required. **The school board recommends this article 0-0-0. The budget committee recommends this article 0-0-0.**

Article 7. Petition Warrant Article. To reduce the Hollis and Brookline property tax burdens, shall the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District rescind authorization under RSA 198:4-b II so that the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District no longer retains any unassigned general funds under RSA 198:4-b II and returns such funds to the taxpayers? Majority vote required. **The school board recommends this article 0-0-0. The budget committee recommends this article 0-0-0.**

Article 8. Petition Warrant Article. To see if the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District will vote to amend the Articles of Agreement of the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District changing Article 8 to the following language:

Article 8: These articles of agreement may be amended by the Hollis/Brookline Cooperative School District, consistent with the provisions of RSA 195:18, III(i), except that no amendment shall be effective unless the question of adopting such amendment is submitted at a Cooperative School District meeting to the voters of the District after reasonable opportunity for debate in open meeting, and unless a 2/3 supermajority of the voters of the District who are present and voting by ballot shall vote in favor of adopting such amendment. The polls shall remain open and ballots shall be accepted by the moderator for a period of not less than one hour following the completion of discussion on the question. Furthermore, no amendment to these articles shall be considered except at an annual or special meeting of the Cooperative School District and unless the text of such amendment is including in an appropriate article in the Warrant for such meeting. Majority vote required. **The school board recommends this article 0-0-0. The budget committee recommends this article 0-0-0.**

Article 9. Petition Warrant Article. Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District on the second Tuesday of March? 3/5 majority vote required. **The school board recommends this article 0-0-0. The budget committee recommends this article 0-0-0.**

Article 10. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.