

**BROOKLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2025 WARRANTS**

**February 5, 2025 and March 11, 2025**

To the inhabitants of the Brookline School District, in the Town of Brookline in the County of Hillsborough, and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at Captain Samuel Douglass Academy in said district on Wednesday, February 5, 2025 (snow date: February 7, 2025), at 6:30 p.m., for Session I (Deliberation), for the transaction of all business other than voting by official ballot. This session shall consist of the explanation of all the warrant articles and the discussion and debate of warrant articles 2 through 10. Warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended, (b) warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for final vote on the main motion as amended and (c) no warrant article shall be amended to eliminate the subject matter of the article.

You are hereby further notified to meet at Captain Samuel Douglass Academy on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. to vote by official ballot for the election of School District officers and other action required to be inserted on the official ballot (warrant articles 1 through 10).

**Article 1. Election of Officers.** To elect all necessary School District officers for the ensuing terms by official ballot vote on March 11, 2025, Captain Samuel Douglass Academy, 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.:

- To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
- To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
- To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- To choose two (2) members of the School Board for the ensuing three (3) years.

**Article 2.** To see if the School District will vote to authorize the School Board to enter into a 20-year lease purchase agreement for \$1,131,750 to finance the acquisition and installation of energy conservation equipment (CSDA boilers and LED lighting and controls at both schools) and related building improvements at Captain Samuel Douglass Academy and Richard Maghakian Memorial School; and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$90,565** for payments due under the lease purchase agreement during the 2025-2026 fiscal year; the annual lease payments over the 20 year term is estimated to be \$90,565 per year. This lease purchase agreement will contain an escape (non-appropriation) clause. (Majority vote required.) Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.08/\$1,000. **The school board recommends the appropriation 0-0-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation 0-0-0.**

**Article 3.** This article will be null and void if Article 2 passes. To see if the School District will vote to authorize the School Board to enter into a 15-year lease purchase agreement for \$616,250 to finance the acquisition and installation of boilers, controls and related building improvements at Captain Samuel Douglass Academy; and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$51,013** for payments due under the lease purchase agreement during the 2025-2026 fiscal year; the annual lease payments over the 15-year term is estimated to be \$51,013 per year. This lease purchase agreement will contain an escape (non-appropriation) clause. (Majority vote required.) Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.04/\$1,000. **The school board recommends the appropriation 0-0-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation 0-0-0.**

**Article 4.** To see if the Brookline School District will vote to 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 **\$12,911,654**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$12,378,381**, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the 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. Majority vote required to pass. Estimated Tax Impact: \$7.63/\$1,000. **The School Board recommends this article 0-0-0. The Finance Committee recommends this article 0-0-0.**

**Article 5.** Shall the voters of the Brookline School District adopt a school administrative unit budget of \$2,438,355 for the forthcoming fiscal year in which **\$493,606** is assigned to the school budget of this school district? This year's adjusted budget of \$2,389,654 with \$483,748 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. Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.42/\$1,000. **The School Board recommends this article 0-0-0. The Finance Committee does NOT recommend this article 0-0-0.**

**Article 6.** To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to **\$360,000** to be added to the previously established School Facilities Maintenance Trust Fund from the June 30th unassigned fund balance (surplus). No amount to be raised from taxation. Estimated Tax Impact: Forgoing a potential rate reduction: \$0.30/\$1,000. **The School Board recommends this article 0-0-0. The Finance Committee recommends this article 0-0-0.**

**Article 7. Rescind Tax Cap:** Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, known as the tax cap, as adopted by the Brookline School District on March 12, 2019, so that there will no longer be a limit on increases to the recommended budget in the amount to be raised by local taxes? (3/5 majority vote required). **The School Board recommends this article 0-0-0. The Finance Committee recommends this article 0-0-0.**

**Article 8. Cooperative Study Committee:** Shall the voters of the Brookline School District form a cooperative study committee to study the advisability of fully joining the Hollis-Brookline Cooperative School District, and to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Brookline School Board. **The School Board recommends this article 0-0-0. The Finance Committee recommends this article 0-0-0.**

**Article 9. Petition Warrant Article:** Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-d, and implement a budget cap whereby the school board (or budget committee) shall not submit a recommended budget that is higher than 25,000 dollars per pupil cost times the average daily membership in residence of the school district as of October 1 of the year immediately preceding the proposed budget year plus an annual increase for inflation using CPI-U for the Boston-Cambridge-Newton MA-NH area published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics as of January 1. Requires a 3/5ths majority of the school district. **The School Board recommends this article 0-0-0. The Finance Committee recommends this article 0-0-0.**

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