

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 **FOURTH DAY OF MARCH, 2025** AT SIX THIRTY IN THE EVENING TO ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS.

Article 1. To see if the School District will vote to authorize the School Board to enter into a 20-year lease purchase agreement for \$5,291,200 to finance the acquisition and installation of energy conservation equipment (HBMS boilers, controls, LED lighting and other end of life rooftop units) and related building improvements at Hollis Brookline Middle School; and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$440,929** 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 \$440,929 per year. This lease purchase agreement will contain an escape (non-appropriation) clause. (Majority vote required.) Estimated. **The school board recommends the appropriation 0-0-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation 0-0-0.**

Article 2. To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of **\$31,160,427** 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 3. To see if the School District will vote to authorize the School Board to enter into a 15-year lease purchase agreement for \$2,216,155 to finance the acquisition and installation of energy conservation equipment (solar panels) and related building improvements at Hollis Brookline Middle School and Hollis Brookline High School; and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$220,639** 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 \$220,639 per year. This lease purchase agreement will contain an escape (non-appropriation) clause. (Majority vote required.) Estimated. **The school board recommends the appropriation 0-0-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation 0-0-0.**

Article 4. 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 Support Staff Association for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years, which calls for the following increases in support staff salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2025-26	\$133,419

and further to raise and appropriate a sum of **\$133,419** for the first fiscal year (2025-26 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 5. Shall the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,171,278** as the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District's portion of the SAU budget of **\$2,438,355** for the forthcoming fiscal year? This year's adjusted budget of **\$2,389,654** with **\$1,147,885** 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. **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 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, 2025 unassigned fund balance, available on July 1, 2025. Majority vote required. **The school board recommends this article 0-0-0. The budget committee recommends this article 0-0-0.**

Article 7. 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, 2025, 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 6-0-0. The budget committee recommends this article 7-0-0.**

Article 8. Petition Warrant Article. Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5 V-b, requiring that the annual budget and all special warrant articles having a tax impact, as determined by the school board, shall contain a notation stating the estimated tax impact of the article? The determination of the estimated tax impact shall be subject to approval by the governing body. **The school board recommends this article 0-0-0. The budget committee recommends this article 0-0-0.**

Article 9. Petition Warrant Article. Shall a charter commission be established for the sole purpose of establishing official ballot voting under the current form of government? **The school board recommends this article 0-0-0. The budget committee recommends this article 0-0-0.**

Article 10. 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? 60% majority vote required. **The school board recommends this article 0-0-0.**

Article 11. 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 27,000 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 budget committee recommends this article 0-0-0.**

Article 12. Petition Warrant Article. Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body (or budget committee) shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes (this year's base), that is higher than the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised (last year's base), adjusted for inflation using the inflation index CPI-U for the Boston-Cambridge-Newton MA-NH area published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and the change in attendance, in accordance with RSA 32:5-b 1-b? **The school board recommends this article 0-0-0. The budget committee recommends this article 0-0-0.**

Article 13. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.