Hanover | Dresden School Districts

2025-26 VOTER INFORMATION

ANNUAL MEETING DISCUSSION PHASE

Thursday, February 27, 2025 5:00 P.M. Hanover HS Auditorium

Hanover School District

THE BERNICE A. RAY SCHOOL

Mission: The Ray School provides a nurturing and inclusive learning community that inspires excellence.

Vision: To be One Ray, focused on empowering students to dream, create, think critically, and contribute to the greater good.

HANOVER SCHOOL BOARD

Antonia Barry Marcela DiBlasi Kimberly Hartmann Benjamin Keeney, *Chair* Kelly McConnell, *Vice Chair* Deborah Bacon Nelson Tara Velozo

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Warrant for the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Hanover School District

ARTICLE 1: To elect by written ballot for one-year terms a moderator, a clerk, and a treasurer; and two (2) School Board members for three-year terms.

The positions noted above are voted on annually. The names of the candidates are listed at the end of the Hanover section of the annual report. Information on each position is available in the Superintendent's office. School board members elected to the Hanover School Board will also serve as the Hanover representatives on the Dresden and SAU 70 School Boards.

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Hanover School District appropriate the sum of <u>Seventy-five Thousand Dollars</u> (<u>\$75,000</u>) from the Don S. Bridgman Fund during the 2025-2026 fiscal year in order to afford additional advantages to the students of the District not provided by taxes?

The School Board recommends this article.

NOTE 1. In his will dated January 20, 1917, Don S. Bridgman left a portion of his estate to what is now the Hanover School District. These monies are known as the Bridgman Fund and are currently invested to provide a stream of income for years to come. Expenditures from the fund are used for projects that would not be covered in the school's regular operating budget. Monies are taken only from the Bridgman Trust Fund, so this appropriation has no effect on the tax rate.

The school community, including members of the public, may apply to use Bridgman Funds for special projects for the education of Hanover students. Please contact the Ray School administration for application details.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Hanover School District determine and fix the salaries of School District Officers as follows: School Board members \$1,000 per member with additional <u>\$300</u> for School Board Chair; School District Treasurer \$2,034; School District Clerk \$300; and School District Moderator \$300, in accordance with RSA 194:10, and further raise and appropriate the sum of <u>Nine Thousand</u>, <u>Nine Hundred and Thirty-four Dollars (\$9,934</u>) to fund these salaries?

The School Board recommends this article.

NOTE 1. The stipends for School Board Members, School District Clerk and Moderator remain unchanged, there is a small increase for the Treasurer po-

sition. This article's effect on the tax rate is negligible.

All salary amounts are status quo other than the Treasurer, whose amount is adjusted each year by 2%. This article's effect on the tax rate is negligible.

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Hanover School District vote to approve the cost items in the three (3) year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hanover Support Staff Association and the Hanover School Board, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

	Estimated Increase
Year	over status quo budget
2025-2026	\$155,888
2026-2027	\$80,589
2027-2028	\$88,104

and further, shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of <u>One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand, Eight</u> <u>Hundred and Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$155,888)</u>, such sum representing the estimated increase in support staff salaries and benefits for the 2025-26 fiscal year brought about by this collective bargaining agreement (majority vote required)?

The School Board recommends this article.

NOTE 1. The sum necessary to pay the so-called status quo salaries and benefits for the support staff if this article is defeated is included in the operating budget in Article 6.

NOTE 2. A favorable vote on this article shall be considered the approval of the cost items in all years of the proposed collective bargaining agreement.

The details of the 3-year agreement can be reviewed on Board Docs in the December II, 2024 Hanover School Board Meeting under Item 10.C. The agreement includes the following language clarifications: grievance steps, insurance co-pay upon separation, leave time calculations and in-service days. Changes on wage scale placement include recognition of all years of experience and relevant college attainment, limitation on placement at step 4 has been removed. Equalization of compensation over 22 pay periods has been restored. Longevity payment intervals have been expanded now beginning at the completion of year 5 and a 4th tier added at the completion of year 20; the two middle tiers received increases of 20 and 33%. Mentoring parameters have been better defined and mentors will receive a \$250 per semester stipend when completing the duties. Compensation changes on the base wage rates include 10% for 2025-26, 4.5% for 2026-27, and 4.5% for 2027-28. This article will add \$0.06 to the Hanover tax rate.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Hanover School District vote to approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hanover-Dresden Service Staff AFSCME, Local #1348 and the Hanover School Board, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

	Estimated Increase
Year	over status quo budget
2025-2026	\$21,089

and further, shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of <u>Twen-</u> <u>ty-One Thousand, Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$21,089</u>), such sum representing the estimated increase in service staff salaries and benefits for the 2025-2026 fiscal year brought about by this collective bargaining agreement (majority vote required)?

The School Board recommends this article.

NOTE 1. The sum necessary to pay the so-called status quo salaries and benefits for service staff if this article is defeated is included in the operating budget in Article 6.

NOTE 2. A favorable vote on this article shall be considered the approval of the cost items in all years of the proposed collective bargaining agreement.

The details of the I-year agreement can be reviewed on Board Docs in the January 8, 2025 Dresden School Board Meeting under Item 6.B. The agreement includes the following language clarifications: timing of step and wage increases to July Ist, appropriate time for wearing shorts on the job, promoting from within and transfers, and posting job position openings in-house 5 days prior to posting externally. The longevity incentive payments have all been increased by an average of \$200, there are 6 levels. The differential pay for 2nd shift workers has been increased by \$0.30 from \$0.70 to \$1.00. The cost of living adjustment on the base hourly wage scale is 4%. This article will add \$0.01 to the Hanover tax rate.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Hanover School District raise and appropriate the amount of <u>Sixteen Million</u>, <u>One Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand</u>, <u>Eight Hundred and Fifty-Nine Dollars (\$16,199,859</u>) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for teachers and other school employees, and School District officials and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the District for the 2025-2026 fiscal year? This sum does not include the funds appropriated in any of the other articles.

The School Board recommends this article.

The Hanover District base budget expenditures are planned to increase 2.92% or \$459,136, the effect of this article alone is projected to add \$0.21 to the Hanover tax rate. With all articles passing and included the budget will increase by a total of 5.22% or \$821,047. When combined with all the warrant articles

BUDGET OUTLINE	BUDGET 2024-25	BUDGET 2025-26	\$CHG	%CHG
RAY SCHOOL (PRE K-5 ONLY)				
Regular Instruction	\$6,435,820	\$6,861,038	425,218	6.61%
Special Education	3,146,232	3,194,159	47,927	1.52%
English Second Language	413,733	407,473	(6,260)	-1.51%
Guidance & Health	496,008	400,618	(95,390)	-19.23%
Curriculum & Profess Develop	123,022	129,126	6,104	4.96%
Library Services	247,730	264,993	17,263	6.97%
School Administration	1,331,496	1,424,428	92,932	6.98%
Maint, Cust, Grnds	791,521	810,336	18,815	2.38%
Pupil Transportation	878,168	894,009	15,841	1.80%
SUBTOTAL RAY OPERATING \$	13,863,730	\$14,386,180	522,450	3.77%
Site & Building Impvts	257,500	152,250	(105,250)	-40.87%
Debt Service	406,694	390,429	(16,265)	-4.00%
Interfund Transfers Out	189,100	14,400	(174,700)	-92.38%
TOTAL IN-DISTRICT EXPENSE \$	14,717,024	\$14,943,259	226,235	1.54%
Spec Ed Tuition Exp	1,023,700	1,256,600	232,900	22.75%
TOTAL DISTRICT BUDGET \$	15,740,723	\$16,199,859	459,136	2.92%
Plus School Board Salaries		9,934		
Plus Collective Bargaining		176,977		
Plus Special Articles/Reserve		175,000		
HANOVER BUDGET (incl articles)\$	15,740,723	\$ 16,561,770	\$821,047	5.22%
Tax Rate (incl all Hanover articles & Dresden base)	\$11.61	\$11.90	\$0.29	2.50%

proposed in both Hanover and Dresden, plus the state education tax, the tax rate is projected to be 4.30% or \$0.50 higher than the 2024-25 rate. The Hanover Budget was ratified at the Hanover School Board Budget Hearing on January 8, 2025. The most up to date details for the 2025-26 proposed budget can be reviewed in the Hanover Budget Book with Exhibits on the SAU 70 District website at www.sau70.org on the Business & Finance Department tab in the Budgets section.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Hanover School District vote to appropriate up to <u>One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000</u>) to be added to the School Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established in 2001, with said funds to come solely from any year-end unassigned general fund balance over and above \$1,400,000?

The School Board recommends this article.

Should the Hanover District have additional surplus beyond current tax projections, the the district requests authorization to support the reserve fund for building maintenance projects as the current balance is \$276,781. This article will not increase the tax rate projection as the surplus from funds already raised in 2024-2025 will be directed into the reserve fund for future use.

ARTICLE 8: To transact any non-substantive business that may legally come before the discussion phase of the Annual meeting to be held on Thursday, February 27 at 5:00 pm in the Hanover High School Auditorium.

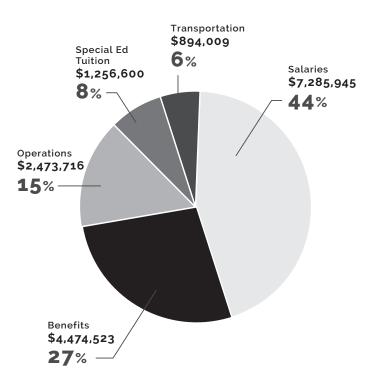
THE HANOVER FINANCE COMMITTEE (HFC) is an appointed Town Committee composed of Hanover residents. HFC is charged with reviewing the Town's financial matters and providing guidance to Town officials, the Hanover School Board (HSB) and Town residents.

During a public meeting on January 16, 2025, the HFC voted unanimously to support the proposed FY26 Hanover School Budget of \$16,199,859 [Article 6], and the collective bargaining agreements with both the Hanover Support Staff (Article 4) and the Hanover-Dresden Service Staff (Article 5). After all costs from all articles (2 through 7) are factored in, the Hanover budget will increase by \$821,047 or 5.22%. After applying the net difference in revenues of \$21,898, the Hanover District assessment will be \$799,149.

When combined with the increase in the Dresden assessment and if all the warrant articles in Hanover and Dresden were to pass, and if all the assumptions of valuation and local tax calculations hold true, then the total tax rate would increase by \$0.50 to \$12.11 per \$1,000 of property value or by 4.30%.

The Committee's full letter of support can be found in the District's Annual Report on the district's website at www.sau70.org

Hanover FY26 Budget



Budgeted Enrollment	FY25	FY26	%CHG
Budgeted Enrollment K-5 (Ray)	463	468	1.1%
Budgeted Staff (Ray School)			
Classroom Teachers	26.0	27.0	3.8%
Art, Music, PE, Specials Teachers	19.0	18.5	-2.6%
Special Ed Certified Staff	11.6	12.1	4.3%
Ed Assistants	32.9	32.6	-1.0%
Other Staff	12.9	12.1	-6.1%
TOTAL STAFF FTEs	102.3	102.2	-0.1%



By Olive, a Bernice A. Ray School 5th grader.

HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL

Hanover High School is an active learning community that provides broad academic and co-curricular programs. We engage students' minds, hearts and voices so that they become educated, caring and responsible adults. All students are given the opportunity to use their

- minds to pursue excellence, academic challenge and personal success
- hearts to respect and care for the emotional and physical well-being of themselves and others, and for the environment.
- voices to contribute to the democratic process and the common good.

RICHMOND MIDDLE SCHOOL

Our mission is to inspire students to build the skills and compassion necessary to succeed in a complex world and, as they move toward greater independence, empower them to examine the impact their actions have on themselves, others, and the environment.

- For this school community to thrive, teachers, staff, parents, and students will work together to:
- Communicate effectively in a variety of ways
- Think critically and creatively to identify and solve a range of problems
- Contribute positively to the classroom, school, and broader community by
 - Participating in decision
 making
 - Valuing diversity
 - Taking responsibility for their own actions
 - Resolving conflicts
 peacefully

Dresden School District

DRESDEN SCHOOL BOARD

Antonia Barry Lisa Christie Michael Costa Marcela DiBlasi Kimberly Hartmann, *Chair* Benjamin Keeney Kelly McConnell Deborah Bacon Nelson Neil Odell, *Vice Chair* Garrett Palm Lily Trajman Tara Velozo

Warrant for the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Dresden School District

ARTICLE 1: To elect by written ballot for one-year terms a Moderator, a Clerk, a Treasurer; an auditor for a two-year term and an auditor for a one-year term.

The positions noted above are voted on annually. The auditor positions are no longer required as the State of NH requires formal audits to be conducted annually.

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Dresden School District determine and fix the salaries of School District officers as follows: School Board members \$1,000 per member with additional \$300 for School Board Chair; School District Treasurer \$2,723; School District Clerk \$500; and School District Moderator \$300 in accordance with Article V-A of the NH/ VT Interstate School Compact, and further raise and appropriate the amount of <u>Fifteen Thousand</u>, <u>Eight Hundred, Twenty-Three Dollars (\$15,823)</u> to fund these salaries?

The Dresden School Board recommends this article and appropriation.

All salary amounts are status quo other than the Treasurer, whose amount is adjusted each year by 2%. This article's effect on the tax rate is negligible.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Dresden School District vote to approve the cost items in the three (3) year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hanover Support Staff Association and the Dresden School Board, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

	Estimated Increase
Year	over status quo budget
2025-2026	\$228,889
2026-2027	\$121,142
2027-2028	\$119,724

and further, shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of <u>Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand</u>, <u>Eight Hundred</u>, <u>Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$228,889</u>), such sum representing the estimated increase in support staff salaries and benefits for the 2025-26 fiscal year brought about by this collective bargaining agreement (majority vote required)?

The Dresden School Board recommends this article and appropriation.

NOTE 1. The sum necessary to pay the so-called status quo salaries and benefits for the support staff if this article is defeated is included in the operating budget in Article 5.

NOTE 2. A favorable vote on this article shall be considered the approval of the cost items in all years of the proposed collective bargaining agreement.

The details of the 3-year agreement can be reviewed on Board Docs in the January 28, 2025 Dresden School Board Meeting under Item 9.B. The agreement includes the following language clarifications: grievance steps, insurance co-pay upon separation, leave time calculations and in-service days. Changes on wage scale placement include recognition of all years of experience and relevant college attainment, limitation on placement at step 4 has been removed. Equalization of compensation over 22 pay periods has been restored. Longevity payment intervals have been expanded now beginning at the completion of year 5 and a 4th tier added at the completion of year 20; the two middle tiers received increases of 20 and 33%. Mentoring parameters have been better defined and mentors will receive a \$250 per semester stipend when completing the duties. Compensation changes on the base wage rates include 10% for 2025-26, 4.5% for 2026-27, and 4.5% for 2027-28. The effect of this article on the projected tax rates is as follows: Hanover \$0.06 (per 1,000) and Norwich \$0.0118 (per 100).

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Dresden School District vote to approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hanover-Dresden Service Staff AFSCME, Local #1348 and the Dresden School Board, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

status quo budget
\$97,838

and further, shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of <u>Ninety-Seven Thousand, Eight</u> <u>Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars (\$97,838)</u>, such sum representing the estimated increase in service staff salaries and benefits for the 2025-2026 fiscal year brought about by this collective bargaining agreement (majority vote required)?

The Dresden School Board recommends this article and appropriation.

NOTE 1. The sum necessary to pay the so-called status quo salaries and benefits for service staff if this article is defeated is included in the operating budget in Article 5.

NOTE 2. A favorable vote on this article shall be considered the approval of the cost items in all years of the proposed collective bargaining agreement.

The details of the I-year agreement can be reviewed on Board Docs in the January 28, 2025 Dresden School Board Meeting under Item 9.B. The agreement includes the following language clarifications: timing of step and wage increases to July 1st, appropriate time for wearing shorts on the job, promoting from within and transfers, and posting job position openings in-house 5 days prior to posting externally. The longevity incentive payments have all been increased by an average of \$200, there are 6 levels. The differential pay for 2nd shift workers has been increased by \$0.30 from \$0.70 to \$1.00. The cost of living adjustment on the base hourly wage scale is 4%. The effects of this article on the tax rates is as follows: Hanover \$0.03 (per 1,000) and Norwich \$0.0050 (per 100).

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Dresden School District raise and appropriate the amount of <u>Thirty-One Million</u>, <u>Two Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand</u>, <u>Six Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars (\$31,239,668</u>)</u>, for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the teachers and other school employees, school district officials, and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the District for the 2025-26 fiscal year? This sum does not include the sums appropriated in any of the other articles.

The Dresden School Board recommends this article and appropriation.

The exhibits report the three categories of expenditures in the proposed Dresden budget. The three budget categories are Hanover High School, Richmond Middle School and District Wide [administrative, support and debt services]. The Dresden District's base budget expenditures are planned to increase 0.58%. When combined with all of the other warrant articles discussed here, the increase is projected to be 2.34%. The result on the projected tax rates are as follows: Hanover\$0.08 (per 1,000) and Norwich \$0.0319 (per 100). The Dresden budget was ratified at the Dresden School Board Budget Hearing on January 7, 2025. The most up to date details for the 2025-26 proposed budget can be reviewed in the Dresden Budget Book with Exhibits on the SAU70 District website at www.sau70.org on the Business & Finance Department page under the Budgets section.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Dresden School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of <u>Two Hundred One Thousand</u>, <u>Two Hundred Ninety-One Dollars (\$201,291)</u> for the purpose of funding a middle school athletics program at Frances C. Richmond Middle School for the 2025-2026 fiscal year; said sum representing an appropriation for the creation of a middle school athletics program, plus the hiring of a Middle School Director of Athletics and Co-Curricular Activity Coordination (1 position). Funding for subsequent years may be added to the regular Operating Budget. This is a special warrant article per NH RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V.

The Dresden School Board recommends this article and appropriation.

The Dresden Board tasked a new committee with: "developing a proposal for a middle school sports/co-curricular program that will be managed (at least in part) by the Dresden School District and make recommendations for a board decision by January 2025." The Dresden Middle School Sports Committee, consisting of representatives from the Dresden School Board, Richmond Middle School, Hanover High School, SAU 70, Hanover Parks and Recreation, and Norwich Recreation Department, made a recommendation to the Board for a pilot program that will include hiring an Athletic/Co-Curricular Director and funding related operations and transportation costs. This single position will direct and coordinate Richmond Middle School athletics and other existing after school activities. This change is consistent with other middle schools in the Upper Valley, promotes school spirit, and coordinates coaching, scheduling, and transportation. The transition will begin with select 7th-8th grade Hanover Recreation sports programs for winter and spring sports in the 2025-26 school year, followed by fall sports in the 2026-27 school year. Assuming the program changes are successful, the ongoing costs will be added to the operating budget for subsequent years. Additional information can be found in Board Docs under the Dresden Middle School Sports Committee tab. This Article was ratified at the Dresden School Board Budget Hearing on January 7th, 2025. The effect of this article on the projected tax rates are as follows: Hanover \$0.06 (per 1,000) and Norwich \$0.0103 (per 100).

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Dresden School District vote to designate the Trustees of Trust Funds for the Town of Hanover as the trustees to hold the McCarthy-Bean Award Fund in accordance with NH RSA 31:31.

The Dresden School Board recommends this article.

The details of the McCarthy-Bean Award Fund can be reviewed on Board Docs in the December 17, 2024 Dresden School Board Meeting under Item 5.B.

RSA 31:31 Trust Funds for Districts. – "Except where otherwise specifically provided in the charter of a city or by special act of the legislature whenever a gift, legacy or devise shall be made in trust to a school district, village district or any subdivision of a town and accepted by it, the same shall be held in custody and administered by the trustees of trust funds of such town or in case of districts embracing 2 or more towns by the trustees of trust funds of that town which the voters of said district may elect."

ARTICLE 8: To transact any non-substantive business that may legally come before the discussion phase of this meeting.



By Bella Jenney, RMS 8th grader.

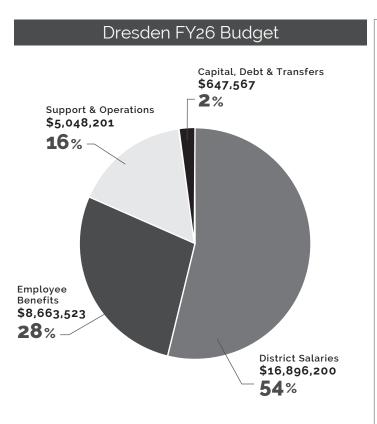
ENROLLMENT & STAFFING		RICHMOND HANOVER MIDDLE HIGH		
Budgeted	FY26	%CHG	FY26	%CHG
Budgeted Enrollments	366	-1.35%	694	2.51%
Teachers FTEs	47.15	0.86%	78.30	0.26%
Other Staff FTEs	27.6	3.45%	49.92	-1.38%
Total Staff FTEs	74.77	1.80%	128.22	-0.39%

EXPENSES	RICHMO	ND MIDDLE	HANO	VER HIGH
	FY26 BGT	INCR (DECR)	FY26 BGT	
Regular Instruction	\$5,305,474	\$401,895	\$8,620,868	\$275,470
Technology	330,259	5,282	543,890	19,126
Special Education	1,916,722	91,756	2,290,910	200,795
Vocational Education	n/a	n/a	135,000	
Co-Curricular/Athletics	37,380	(4,411)	1,150,648	18,513
Student Support Services	506,464	43,958	1,542,122	94,194
Staff Support Services	329,158	10,979	588,159	(7,039)
School Administration	799,475	39,314	1,837,420	(38,063)
Operation & Maint of Plant	698,723	20,184	1,205,232	(33,300)
Transportation	56,400	(7,500)	282,961	70,845
Site & Bldg Improvements	71,000	(97,400)	127,100	(25,200)
Interfund Transfer Out	21,600	-	82,000	24,400
TOTALS	\$10,072,655	\$504,057	\$18,406,310	\$599,741
Percent of Change		5.27%		3.37%

THE HANOVER FINANCE COMMITTEE (HTC)

The Hanover Finance Committee voted unanimously to support the proposed FY26 Dresden School District Budget of \$31,239,668 (Article 5), the collective bargaining agreement with the support staff (Article 3, at a cost of \$228,889) and the agreement with the service staff (Article 4, at a cost of \$97,838). The Committee took no position on Article 6 regarding the inclusion of Middle School Sports and Co-curricular management.

The Committee's full letter of support can be found in the District's Annual Report on the district's website at www. sau70.org.



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EXPENSES	FY26 BGT	ICT WIDE
EXPENSES	FY20 BGT	
Coord of Volunteers	\$12,092	\$0
Comp Tech	5,000	-
School Board Services	60,507	(8,045)
Supt Services	1,624,722	318,957
Bldg Maintenance	712,515	31,228
Debt Service	345,867	(1,264,529)
TOTALS	\$2,760,703	(\$922,389)
Percent of Change		-25.04%
TOTALS RECAP		
District Wide	\$2,760,703	(\$922,389)
Richmond Middle	\$10,072,655	\$504,057
Hanover High	\$18,406,310	\$599,741
TOTALS	\$31,239,668	\$181,409
Percent of Change		0.58%
Article 2: Board/Officers Sal	\$15,823	\$15,823
Article 3: Hanover Support	\$228,889	\$228,889
Article 4: Hanover Service	\$97,838	\$97,838
Article 6: MS Sports/Co-Curr	\$201,291	\$201,291
ALL DISTRICT TOTALS	\$31,783,509	\$725,250
Percent of Change		2.34%

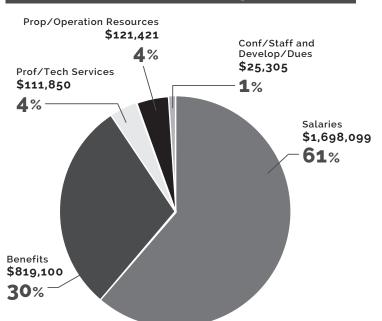
SAU 70 FY26 Budget Information

Taken together, the Hanover, Norwich and Dresden School Districts receive services from School Administrative Unit #70, an umbrella organization formed under New Hampshire state law.

SAU 70 provides services in the following departmental areas: superintendent's service, special education case management, technology support, accounting services, grants management including writing and oversight, human resource services, transportation and food service coordination. The Supervisory Union's expenditure budget is increasing by \$280,081 or 11.22%. Offsetting fund balance carryover is no longer available as we have filled all of our positions and some of the current expenditures are trending higher than expected due to market rates and health insurance elections. Next year's health insurance rate increase is projected at 10% and we will be finishing our Capital Improvement Plan Project. With all of the changes in projected revenues of (\$136,617) and the additional expenditures of \$280,081, the assessment is increasing by \$425,593 or 18.6%.

The assessments are shared by all 3 districts via a predetermined formula including student and staff counts and are already included in the Hanover, Norwich and Dresden budgets as built. The SAU 70 Budget was ratified by the SAU Board on November 19, 2024. Details of the SAU budget can be found at: https://www. sau70.org/school-booards. The SAU budget is not voted on separately by the district voters.

DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS	2024-25	2025-26	B-B Inc/Dec
Dresden School District	\$1,303,140	\$1,621,722	\$318,582
Hanover School District	587,580	620,798	33,218
Norwich School District	396,406	470,199	73,793
SUBTOTAL	\$2,287,126	\$2,712,719	\$425,593



SAU 70 FTEs	FY25		FY26	Diff
Superintendent's Office	Budget	Actual		
Certified	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00
Other	1.00	2.65	2.65	0.00
Business/Finance Office				
Certified	1.65	1.84	2.00	0.16
Other	2.00	2.00	3.00	1.00
Technology Dept	5.00	4.00	4.00	0.00
Student Services Dept				
Certified	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.0
Other	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.0
Human Resources Dept	3.00	2.35	2.35	0.0
TOTAL FTEs	17.65	17.84	19.00	1.16



By Maeve Puleo, RMS 8th grader.

SAU 70 FY26 Budget



Hanover School District c/o School Admin Unit #70 41 Lebanon Street Hanover, NH 03755

*****************ECRWSSEDDM****

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

Residential Customer

Tuesday, March 4th 7am—7pm Richmond Middle School

Meet Your School Districts

JOIN US!

Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 5:00 and 7:00 P.M., Hanover High School Auditorium for the Discussion Phase of the Hanover and Dresden School Districts Annual Meetings. A virtual option will be available to attend via Zoom link and the information will be shared via the SAU70 District website at SAU70.org.

VOTING!

Tuesday, March 4, 2025, from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. in the Richmond Middle School Gymnasium in Hanover, NH (for Hanover voters) and in Tracy Hall in Norwich, VT (for Norwich voters).

Absentee ballots will be available ahead of the in-person voting date.

The Hanover and Dresden School District Budget proposals support the strategic plan of SAU 70 with the following overarching goals:

ACADEMIC GOAL

To provide curriculum, instruction, and assessments that are rigorous, engaging, and equitable for all learners across the SAU70 School Districts.

STUDENT SUPPORT GOAL

To provide instruction, co- and extra-curricular programs, professional development and other forms of support, that include social emotional learning, mental and physical health and wellness, and community-building.

FACILITIES GOAL

To provide facilities, grounds, and environment that are sustainable, fiscally responsible, and that enhance our curricular and extracurricular goals for each student to achieve success.

ORGANIZATIONAL GOAL

To ensure that the leadership, governance, financial, and administrative functions of the organization support the attainment of the academic, student support, and facility goals established in this Plan.