WARRANT TO CALL
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 5 BUDGET MEETING
(20-A M.R.S. § 1485)

TO: Kelly M. Wentworth, a resident of Regional School Unit No. 5 (the "Regional School Unit") composed of the Towns of Durham, Freeport, and Pownal, State of Maine.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify the voters of each of the municipalities within the Regional School Unit, namely, the Towns of Durham, Freeport, and Pownal, that a Regional School Unit Budget Meeting will be held at Durham Community School, 654 Hallowell Road, Durham, Maine at 6:30 p.m. on May 14, 2025 for the purpose of determining the Budget Meeting Articles set forth below.

ARTICLE 1A: To elect a moderator to preside at the meeting.

ARTICLES 1 THROUGH 11
AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST CENTER CATEGORIES

ARTICLE 1: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.
School Board Recommends $19,356,261

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.
School Board Recommends $6,513,451

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.
School Board Recommends $307,645

ARTICLE 4: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.
School Board Recommends $1,119,087

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.
School Board Recommends $4,644,307

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration.
School Board Recommends $1,263,587

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration.
School Board Recommends $2,514,485

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.
School Board Recommends $1,931,576

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.
School Board Recommends $5,490,511

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.
School Board Recommends $1,087,428

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.
School Board Recommends $139,591

ARTICLES 12 THROUGH 14 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and assess as each municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.
Recommended amounts set forth below:

Total Appropriated (by municipality):			**Total Raised (and Regional School Unit assessments by municipality):**		
Town of Durham	$	9,124,451.74	Town of Durham	$	3,655,120.00
Town of Freeport	$	15,036,208.35	Town of Freeport	$	14,153,931.67
Town of Pownal	$	2,683,281.37	Town of Pownal	$	2,179,326.67
Total Appropriated (sum of above)	$	26,843,941.46	Total Raised (sum of above)	$	19,988,378.34

Explanation: The Regional School Unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the Regional School Unit must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars. [Note: The above appropriations are determined in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688(1); the amounts to be raised reflect the required local contribution in accordance with the RSU Reorganization Plan.)

ARTICLE 13: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the Regional School Unit voters for non-state-funded school construction projects or non-state-funded portions of school construction projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the Regional School Unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12. **School Board Recommends $118,908.77**

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the Regional School Unit's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the Regional School Unit voters.

ARTICLE 14: **(Written ballot required.)** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend $15,405,513.13**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend $15,617,478.13**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board Recommends $15,405,513.13, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by $15,617,478.13. The School Board gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model: The State's Essential Program and Services funding formula is a minimum model to support education in grades preK-12. RSU No. 5 provides additional funds to support lower student/teacher ratios and additional co-curricular activities in addition to complete educational programs for all our students.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Regional School Unit's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Regional School Unit budget for educational programs.
[Note: The additional local funds reflect the adjustment to the required local contribution in Article 12 in accordance with the RSU Reorganization Plan.]

ARTICLE 15 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 15: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will authorize the School Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 from the Regional School Unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential

Programs and Services Funding Act, local funds for non-state-funded school construction debt services, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy, and other receipts for the support of schools. **School Board Recommends $44,367,929**

ARTICLE 16 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Regional School Unit will appropriate **$133,000** for adult education and raise **$88,000** as the local share, with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program.

ARTICLES 17 THROUGH 20 AUTHORIZE TRANSFERS TO AND EXPENDITURES FROM THE ARTICLE RESERVE FUNDS

ARTICLE 17: Shall the School Board be authorized to (i) transfer **$295,800** from available fund balances to the Regular Instruction reserve fund; and (ii) expend from the Regular Instruction reserve funds as needed in the discretion of the School Board?

ARTICLE 18: Shall the School Board be authorized to (i) transfer **$618,517** from available fund balances to the Special Education reserve fund; and (ii) expend from the Special Education reserve funds as needed in the discretion of the School Board?

ARTICLE 19: Shall the School Board be authorized to expend from the Student & Staff Support reserve funds as needed in the discretion of the School Board?

ARTICLE 20: Shall the School Board be authorized to expend from the Transportation reserve funds as needed in the discretion of the School Board?

ARTICLE 21 AUTHORIZES TRANSFER TO AND EXPENDITURES FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 21: Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer up to **$1,520,059** from available fund balances to the Capital Reserve Fund and to expend up to $2,495,234 from the capital reserve funds as needed in the discretion of the School Board?

ARTICLE 22 AUTHORIZES TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE TRACK AND FIELD CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 22: Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer up to **$35,000** from available fund balances to the Track and Field Capital Reserve Fund; and to expend said reserve funds upon express authorization of the RSU voters or as permitted by law?

ARTICLE 23 AUTHORIZES TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE TENNIS COURT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 23: Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer up to **$40,000** from available fund balances to the Tennis Court Capital Reserve Fund; and to expend said reserve funds upon express authorization of the RSU voters or as permitted by law?

ARTICLE 24 AUTHORIZES THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION BUDGET

ARTICLE 24: Shall the regional career and technical education operating budget as approved by the cooperative board for the year beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 be approved in the amount of **$4,312,957?**

ARTICLES 25 THROUGH 26 AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER TO AND EXPENDITURES FROM THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION BUDGET

ARTICLE 25: Shall Maine Region 10 Technical High School ("Region 10") authorize the Cooperative Board to transfer up to **$280,000** from undesignated fund balances to the Region 10 Capital Reserve Fund**?**

ARTICLE 26: Shall Maine Region 10 Technical High School ("Region 10") delegate authority to the Cooperative Board to expend additional balances accumulated in the Region 10 Capital Reserve Fund from time-to-time on such specific items or types of capital improvements or equipment as the Cooperative Board determines to be needed by Region 10?

ARTICLE 27 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

ARTICLE 27: In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the School Board be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school and other program purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

ARTICLE 28 AUTHORIZES TRANSFERS AMONG COST CENTERS

ARTICLE 28: Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer amounts exceeding 5% of the total appropriation for any cost center to another cost center or among other cost centers for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, provided that transfers shall not be permitted to increase the authorized total school budget?

Given under our hand this day, April 9, 2025 at Durham, Maine.

A majority of the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 5

A true copy of the Warrant, attest:

Kelly M. Wentworth, Resident
Regional School Unit No. 5

RETURN

Cumberland County, ss. State of Maine

TO: The School Board of Regional School Unit No. 5

I certify that I have notified the voters of Regional School Unit No. 5 (the "Regional School Unit") of the time and place of the Regional School Unit budget meeting by posting an attested copy of the within warrant as follows:

	TIME(S)	DATE(S)	LOCATION(S)
Durham	4:01 PM	04.10.2025	Durham Get & Go
	3:56 PM	04.10.2025	Durham Town Office
	3:50 PM	04.10.2025	Durham Community School
Freeport	2:07 PM	04.10.2025	Bessie's Farm Stand
	2:31 PM	04.10.2025	Doherty's North Freeport Store
	2:17 PM	04.10.2025	Freeport Community Library
	1:48 PM	04.10.2025	Freeport Community Services
	Seasonal closure		~~Harraseeket Lunch & Lobster~~
	1:43 PM	04.10.2025	Freeport Town Office
Pownal	3:10 PM	04.10.2025	Pownal Short Stop
	3:17 PM	04.10.2025	Pownal Town Hall
	3:04 PM	04.10.2025	Pownal Post Office

being at least seven days prior to the Regional School Unit budget meeting and being public and conspicuous places in each of said municipalities.

Dated: APRIL 10, 2025

Kelly M. Wentworth, Resident of Pownal
Regional School Unit No. 5