EXPLANATORY TEXT
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.14
2025-2026 BUDGET REFERENDUM
May 20, 2025

A referendum will be held on **Tuesday May 20, 2025**, in the Towns of Bethlehem and Woodbury with respect to the adoption of a budget for **Regional School District No. 14** ["the District"] for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Specifically, eligible voters in the District's afore-mentioned member towns will be voting whether to approve an operating budget for the District for the **2025-2026** fiscal year (which commences on July 1, 2025 and ends on June 30, 2026 in the amount of **$42,876,215**.

The proposed budget (as amended) represents a **three point eighty-five** (3.85 %) increase over the 2024-2025 operating budget. The breakdown of the proposed budget (as amended) is as follows:

- Certified Salaries = 45.04%
- Classified Salaries = 12.74%
- Employee Benefits = 14.83%
- Purchased Services – Non Instructional = 10.17%
- Purchased Services – Instructional = 5.58%
- Debt Service& Liability Insurance = 7.09%
- Capital Outlay = .98%
- Supplies & Materials – Instructional = 2.15%
- Supplies & Materials – Non Instructional = 1.42%

The proposed budget was initially developed by the District's Superintendent of Schools, with the input of District staff. The District's Board of Education then received, reviewed, and revised the proposed budget, with presentations to the Board, member town officials and the public at large, including budget workshops and a public hearing. Following the rejection of a budget at a prior referendum, the District's Board of Education voted to approve an amended budget on May 9, 2025, with this budget now being subject to approval of the voters at the May 20, 2025 referendum. This budgetary review and approval/amendment process is governed by state statutory timelines and mandates. The full proposed budget is available at https://www.ctreg14.org/district/budget

The vote on said budget will be by the voting machines in the towns of Bethlehem and Woodbury, Connecticut on Tuesday May 20, 2025 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

This explanatory text has been prepared pursuant to Section 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes and is intended not to advocate either the approval or disapproval of the referendum question.