

# SUPERINTENDENT newsletter



## Annual Meeting Details

As we move into the School District Voting seasons, please see below for an overview of each town's voting processes. Year to year, the voting process remains the same, though dates and meeting locations may change. To be sure of dates and locations, please be sure to consult each year's public postings or contact the SAU41 Central Office or your Town Hall.

- SAU41 Administration

### Timelines

#### School Board Meeting Dates- [sau41.org](http://sau41.org) Hollis

Hollis Public Hearing: February

Hollis Annual Meeting: March

#### COOP

COOP Public Hearing: February

COOP Annual Meeting: March

#### Brookline

Public Hearing: January

Deliberative Session: February

Brookline Voting Session: March

### At the State Level

Federally required, the NH State Government is to provide grant funding per the number of students in each district. Recently, the state has pulled back on the amount of funding per student it grants. The budgets in SAU41 have remained consistent in the last few years, but changes like the end of the pandemic and the reduction in funding has resulted in taxpayers carrying more substantial weight in the school's funding. See below for how the town votes on the school budgets every year and how you can get involved.

### Brookline

Brookline School District operates under SB2 (Senate Bill 2). There are two (2) meetings that townspeople attend every year. The first meeting is a Deliberative Session in February where townspeople first hear the details of the articles that will be up for vote. In March, the Voting Session is held to, well, vote on those articles!

Prior to the Deliberative Session in February, the School Board moves through four (4) rounds of budget adjustments- 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0. At School Board meetings, members and townspeople discuss the budget proposals and request possible changes. There is a Public Hearing held in January to give townspeople a final opportunity to make changes before the deliberative session.

After the second session ends in February, the School District follows-up and gives a breakdown of the results- this breakdown is called an MS22 report and provides a good look at voting results!

### Hollis and the COOP

The Hollis and HB Cooperative Districts run as Annual Meeting Towns. Every March, there is one (1) meeting that presents the warrant that is up for vote and then an immediate opportunity to vote on those articles. The articles that relate to the schools are condensed into one School District Warrant.

Leading up to the the Annual Meeting, the COOP and Hollis School Boards address the articles (mostly including the budget) at their monthly school board meetings. The budgets are presented in four (4) rounds- 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0. In each round, the School Board members and townspeople are allotted ample time to comment on the budget and to request changes. There is an additional Public Hearing held in February to give townspeople the opportunity to provide feedback on the articles that are being drafted for later vote. What is decided on at the Public Hearing is what is put up for vote at the Annual Meeting.