

**WASHINGTON CENTRAL UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARNING**

The legal voters of the Washington Central Unified Union School District, a municipal corporation consisting of the Towns of Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex, and Worcester, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet in their respective towns at the polling places hereinafter named on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, to vote by Australian ballot on Articles 1 through 7 as outlined below.

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Clerk for a term of (3) three years

ARTICLE 2. To elect a Moderator for a term of one (1) year.

ARTICLE 3. To elect the following School Directors:

Berlin	One (1) School Director	Three (3) Year Term
	One (1) School Director	Two (2) Years of a Three (3) Year Term
Calais	One (1) School Director	Three (3) Year Term
East Montpelier	One (1) School Director	Three (3) Year Term
Middlesex	One (1) School Director	Three (3) Year Term
Worcester	One (1) School Director	Three (3) Year Term

ARTICLE 4. To fix the annual compensation of the Union School District officers.

Clerk	\$2,000.00
Treasurer	\$6,700.00
Directors	\$1,200.00 each
Chair	\$2,400.00

ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters of the Washington Central Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend \$43,115,896, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The Washington Central Unified Union School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$16,302.54, which is 6.75 % higher than per pupil education spending for the current year.

ARTICLE 6. Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors of Washington Central Unified Union School District to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2026, in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?

ARTICLE 7. Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of revenues for the 2026-2027 school year?

Polling Places and Times:

Berlin Municipal Office 108 Shed Rd. Berlin 10:00 AM-7:00 PM

Calais Elementary School 321 Lightening Ridge Rd. in Calais 7:00 AM-7:00 PM

East Montpelier Elementary School 665 Vincent Flats Rd. in East Montpelier 7:00 AM-7:00 PM

Rumney Elementary School 433 Shady Rill Rd. in Middlesex 7:00 AM-7:00 PM

Doty Elementary School 24 Calais Rd. in Worcester 10:00 AM-7:00 PM

A public hearing will take place on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 5:00 PM to provide information on the articles to be voted by Australian Ballot at the municipalities' respective Town Meetings on Tuesday, March 3, 2026. The public hearing will be at U-32 Middle & High School 930 Gallison Hill Rd., Montpelier, VT 05602 in Rm 128/131. There will be a virtual option as well. <https://tinyurl.com/2w9vu7x6> Meeting Id: 850 5401 6486 Password: 380648 Phone: 1-929-205-6099

Upon the polls closing, the ballots shall be transported and delivered to the East Montpelier Elementary School at 665 Vincent Flats Road in the Town of East Montpelier, where they will be commingled and counted by members of the Boards of Civil Authority of district towns under the supervision of the Clerk of the Washington Central Unified Union School District.

The legal voters of Washington Central Unified Union School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee voting relative to said annual meeting shall be as provided in Sections 553 and 706 (u) of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51, and 55 of title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Melissa Tuller, WCUUSD Clerk

Flor Diaz-Smith, Chair (East Montpelier)

Zach Sullivan (East Montpelier)

Ursula Stanley, Vice-Chair (Middlesex)

Chris McVeigh (Middlesex)

Diane Nichols-Fleming (Berlin)

Patrick Whelley (Middlesex)

Kealy Sloan (Berlin)

Mckalyn Leclerc (Worcester)

Vacant (Berlin)

Julia Hewitt (Worcester)

Michelle Ksepka (Calais)

Natasha Eckart (Worcester)

Daniel Keeney (Calais)

Elizabeth Brown (Calais)

Amelia Contrada (East Montpelier)