

**GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT  
2026  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Governor Wentworth Regional School District in the Towns of Brookfield, Effingham, New Durham, Ossipee, Tuftonboro, and Wolfeboro, qualified to vote upon Governor Wentworth Regional School District affairs:

**First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative)**

You are hereby notified to meet at the Kingswood Arts Center, in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, on Saturday, the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2026, at 10:00 AM. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles II through XI. Warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended and (b) warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended.

**Second Session of Annual Meeting (Voting by Official Ballot)**

Voting on warrant articles I through XII shall be conducted by official ballot and will occur in conjunction with the town meeting to be held in each town on Tuesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026. Voting shall take place at the following locations and times:

<b>TOWN</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Brookfield Voters	Brookfield Town House	1:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Effingham Voters	Effingham Elementary School	11:00 AM – 7:00 PM
New Durham Voters	New Durham School	7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Ossipee Voters	Ossipee Town Hall	10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Tuftonboro Voters	Tuftonboro Town House	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Wolfeboro Voters	Wolfeboro Town Hall	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

**ARTICLE I:** To choose the following school district officers:

- (a) School Board Member from Brookfield..... 3-year term
- School Board Member-At-Large..... 3-year term
- School Board Member Wolfeboro..... 3-year term
- School Board Member Tuftonboro..... 1-year term
  
- (b) School District Moderator..... 1-year term

**ARTICLE II:** The average cost-per-pupil for the preceding year as calculated in accordance with RSA189:75, I(a) is \$26,293.36. ELA Proficiency: 54%; Math Proficiency: 43%; Science Proficiency: 34%. Shall the Governor Wentworth Regional School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$70,555,952? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$70,792,454 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Governor Wentworth Regional School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. \* **NOTE: This warrant article (operating budget) does not include appropriations requested in ANY of the other warrant articles.**

**The School Board recommends this appropriation. 9-0-0 (Majority vote required)**

**ARTICLE III:** To see if the Governor Wentworth Regional School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Governor Wentworth

Regional School Board and the Governor Wentworth Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2027	\$ 1,682,872
2028	\$ 1,305,411
2029	\$ 1,355,875

and further to raise and appropriate \$1,682,872 for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels.

**The School Board recommends this appropriation. 9-0-0 (Majority vote required)**

**ARTICLE IV:** Shall the Governor Wentworth Regional School District, if Article III is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article III cost items only?

**The School Board recommends this article. 9-0-0 (Majority vote required)**

**ARTICLE V:** To see if the Governor Wentworth Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$135,000) for the purpose of hiring a full-time Student Wellness Coordinator? To improve health outcomes and oversee nursing and counselors.

**The School Board recommends this appropriation. 9-0-0 (Majority vote required)**

**ARTICLE VI:** To see if the Governor Wentworth Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for repairs and improvements of buildings/grounds at the Kingswood Regional High School, Kingswood Regional Middle School, Lakes Region Technology Center, Kingswood Arts Center, Carpenter School, Crescent Lake School, Effingham Elementary School, New Durham School, Ossipee Central School, Tufonboro Central School and the SAU 49/Transportation Facility?

**The School Board recommends this appropriation. 9-0-0 (Majority vote required)**

**ARTICLE VII:** To see if the Governor Wentworth Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of two hundred fifty-thousand dollars (\$250,000) to be added to the Special Education Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from the June 30, 2026 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2026. No amount to be raised from new taxation.

**The School Board recommends this article. 9-0-0 (Majority vote required)**

**ARTICLE VIII:** To see if the Governor Wentworth Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established to maintain and repair schools. This sum to come from the June 30, 2026 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2026. No amount to be raised from new taxation.

**The School Board recommends this appropriation. 9-0-0 (Majority vote required)**

**ARTICLE IX:** To see if the Governor Wentworth Regional School District will vote to establish a Health Insurance Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 198:20-c, V for the payment of the school district's share of

employee health insurance premiums or special assessments for employee health insurance and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 from unreserve fund balance to be placed in the fund. This sum to come from the June 30, 2026 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2026. No amount to be raised from new taxation; further to name the school board as agents to expend from the fund.

**The School Board recommends this appropriation. 9-0-0 (Majority vote required)**

**ARTICLE X:** To see if the Governor Wentworth Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to provide funding for free meals to all students within the newly eligible income brackets. This vote would allow the increase of eligibility for free school meals for students within the district by aligning the income threshold with the following federal poverty level option: 300% of the federal poverty rate, significantly broadening eligibility and ensuring free school meals for students from households earning up to three times the federal poverty rate. This funding would support providing free meals to all students within the newly eligible income brackets, ensuring equitable access to nutrition for academic success and well-being.

**The School Board recommends this appropriation. 9-0-0 (Majority vote required)**

**ARTICLE XI:** By Petition of 50 or more eligible voters of the Governor Wentworth Regional School District to see if the district will vote to establish a Playground Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the demolition and rebuilding of SAU 49's school playgrounds, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the school board as agents to expend the funds to each town in the district based on their percentage of "Equalized Valuation and ADM Allocation Percentages" in the year of the expenditure. **Submitted by Petition**

**The School Board recommends this appropriation. ?-?-? (Majority vote required)**

**ARTICLE XII:** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

**GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEALS THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF January 2026.**

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