

Inter-Lakes Cooperative School District Warrant for 2026 The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Inter-Lakes Cooperative School District comprised of the Towns of Center Harbor, Meredith and Sandwich, qualified to vote upon District Affairs:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE INTER-LAKES COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM, INTER-LAKES MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL, MEREDITH, NEW HAMPSHIRE, ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026, AT SIX O’CLOCK IN THE EVENING (6:00 P.M.) TO ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

Article 1. To see what action the District will vote relative to the reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers chosen.

Article 2. To see if the District will set the salaries of District officers for the coming year as follows:

Moderator	\$100.00
District Clerk	\$20.00/hour
School Board Chairperson	\$1,800.00
School Board Members (6) each	\$1,500.00
District Treasurer	\$1,500.00

The Inter-Lakes School Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 6 – 0.

Article 3. To see if the District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Inter-Lakes Cooperative School District and the Inter-Lakes Education Association which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

	Estimated Increase
Year 2026-2027	\$ 458,794

and further to raise and appropriate \$458,794 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 Inter-Lakes School Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 6 – 0.

Article 4. To see if the District, if WARRANT ARTICLE 3 is defeated, will authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address WARRANT ARTICLE 3 cost items only?

Article 5. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$37,295,119 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District. This article excludes special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately.

The Inter-Lakes School Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 6 – 0.

Article 6. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$359,000 for field lighting on the Charles G. Burrows Memorial Athletic Field (aka “Turf Field) with \$181,920 to come from donated funds already received for the project and the rest to come from taxation.

The Inter-Lakes School Board voted 3 yes and 3 no on recommending this article.

Article 7. Shall the Inter-Lakes School District vote to adopt the provisions of NH RSA Chapter 194-D and become an open enrollment school district under the terms of the RSA, and to admit one (1) student from outside the Inter-Lakes School District, and to establish that zero (0) percent of the resident student population are eligible to seek open enrollment outside of the District?

Article 8. By petition, to see if the District would raise and appropriate \$727,250 to provide food service, including breakfast and lunch, at no cost to all students, and to direct the School Board to include funding for such in subsequent budgets.

The Inter-Lakes School Board does not recommend this appropriation by a vote of 2 – 4.

Article 9. By petition, New Hampshire communities value strong public schools and responsible use of public funds for education. Therefore, the voters of Meredith, New Hampshire, are asked:

Shall we call on our legislators to protect taxpayers by requiring the Education Freedom Account program to provide fiscal and educational performance reports comparable to those required of public schools, and by limiting eligibility to families with demonstrated financial need?

This question is raised because state legislators recently removed all income limits from the Education Freedom Account program (vouchers), expanding it beyond its original purpose. These changes added tens of millions of dollars in costs while the

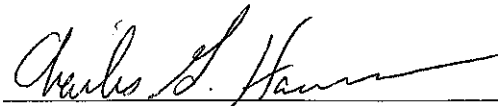
program provides limited public information on how funds are spent or if educational standards are being met.

The voucher program is projected to cost \$110 million over the next two years, with no new revenue sources identified. This directs public funds to private education without reducing the expenses public schools are constitutionally required to cover, increasing pressure on local property taxes.

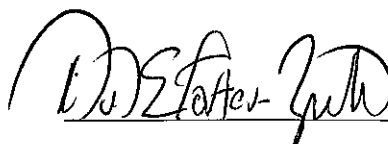
Be it further resolved that the Meredith/Inter-Lakes School District shall send the results of this vote to the Governor and all members of the General Court representing Meredith within thirty (30) days of this vote.

Article 10: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

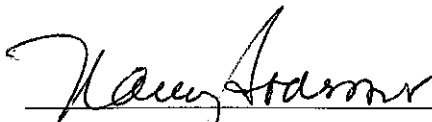
GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AT SAID MEREDITH THIS 17th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.



Charles G. Hanson, Chair



Duncan Porter-Zuckerman, Vice-Chairman



Nancy Starmer, Board Secretary



Siobhan Connelly

Abraham Garon

James Locke



Edward Twaddell III