



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

November 21, 2024

Default Budget

It is our intent to inform you of the actual law related to the default budget as well as provide you with information of how the law applies to us here at Timberlane Regional School District.

One important fact to keep in mind is that the default budget is just a formula that may result in a higher or lower amount than the proposed operating budget.

Default Budget

NH RSA 40:13 Use of Official Ballot (in part)

IX. (b) "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget and by salaries and benefits of positions that have been eliminated in the proposed budget. For the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, and eliminated positions shall not include vacant positions under recruitment or positions redefined in the proposed operating budget, as determined by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, of the local political subdivision. In calculating the default budget amount, the governing body shall follow the statutory formula which may result in a higher or lower amount than the proposed operating budget.

(c) "Contracts" as used in this subdivision means contracts previously approved, in the amount so approved, by the legislative body in either the operating budget authorized for the previous year or in a separate warrant article for a previous year.

XI. (a) The default budget shall be disclosed and presented for questions and discussion at the first budget hearing held pursuant to RSA 32:5 or RSA 197:6. The governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, shall complete a default budget form created by the department of revenue administration to demonstrate how the default budget amount was calculated. The line item details for changes under subparagraph (2) shall be available for inspection by voters. The form and associated calculations shall, at a minimum, include the following:

- (1) Appropriations contained in the previous year's operating budget;
- (2) Reductions and increases to the previous year's operating budget including identification of specific items that constitute a change by account code, and the reasons for each change;
- (3) One-time expenditures as defined under subparagraph IX(b); and
- (4) Reductions for eliminated positions and benefit expenditures as defined under subparagraph IX(b).

(b) This amount shall not be amended by the legislative body. However, this amount may be adjusted by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, acting on relevant new information at any time before the ballots are printed, provided the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, completes an amended default budget form.



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Default Budget = Previous year voted budget

(+) Increased by:

- Debt Services
 - New leases or bonds
- Contracts previously approved
 - Collective Bargaining Agreements
 - Academic or maintenance contracts
- Other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law
 - Special Education
 - Transportation
 - Contracted Services

(-) Reduced by:

- One-time expenditures contained in the operating budget not likely to recur in the succeeding budget
 - Vehicles
 - New phone system
 - New intercom system
 - New firewalls
- Salaries and benefits of positions that have been eliminated in the proposed budget

When does the default budget go into effect? If the proposed operating budget does not pass, and if the governing body does not choose to call a special meeting to consider a revised operating budget (or if such a vote fails), then the default budget is deemed to have been adopted.

What line- item transfer authority does the governing body have over a default budget? The failure to pass the operating budget is a change in circumstances that allows the governing body to use their authority to transfer funds that are appropriated under RSA 32:10.

Please keep in mind that this budget is just a formula that may result in a higher or lower amount than the proposed operating budget

Respectfully,

Maria Watkins
Business Administrator

Timberlane Regional School District

Voting Results Trend Report

Year	Proposed	Default	Delta	Budget Passed	Vote Count	Yes	As a %	No	As a %
2024	89,370,265	89,835,373	(465,108)	Proposed	6,265	4,070	65%	2,195	35%
2023	83,270,418	81,401,107	1,869,311	Proposed	3,005	1,709	57%	1,296	43%
2022	75,753,607	76,300,383	(546,776)	Proposed	4,364	3,323	76%	1,041	24%
2021	74,318,918	74,973,634	(654,716)	Proposed	3,064	2,380	78%	684	22%
2020	72,999,000	72,620,557	378,443	Proposed	4,496	2,640	59%	1,856	41%
2019	71,681,333	70,948,104	733,229	Proposed	3,970	2,174	55%	1,796	45%
2018	72,800,000	71,870,607	929,393	Default	3,283	1,216	37%	2,067	63%
2017	71,328,092	71,559,011	(230,919)	Proposed	3,544	2,662	75%	882	25%
2016	69,333,958	70,108,969	(775,011)	Proposed	4,518	3,451	76%	1,067	24%
2015	67,723,927	68,160,616	(436,689)	Proposed	4,821	3,439	71%	1,382	29%
2014	66,452,054	65,974,014	478,040	Default	4,479	2,106	47%	2,373	53%
2013	64,422,418	64,418,761	3,657	Proposed	3,145	1,952	62%	1,193	38%
2012	62,821,817	62,568,852	252,965	Proposed	4,243	2,347	55%	1,896	45%
2011	62,437,055	62,708,119	(271,064)	Proposed	3,580	2,560	72%	1,020	28%
2010	61,764,667	61,838,543	(73,876)	Proposed	3,767	2,759	73%	1,008	27%

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 Voting Results Trend Report by Town

					Yes				No				Total				Total Votes
Year	Proposed	Default	Delta	Budget Passed	Atkinson	Danville	Plaistow	Sandown	Atkinson	Danville	Plaistow	Sandown	Atkinson	Danville	Plaistow	Sandown	
2024	89,120,265	89,585,373	(465,108)	Proposed	1,716	597	802	955	595	550	475	575	2,311	1,147	1,277	1,530	6,265
2023	83,270,418	81,401,107	1,869,311	Proposed	770	329	335	275	330	329	255	382	1,100	658	590	657	3,005
2022	75,753,607	76,300,383	(546,776)	Proposed	1,382	596	647	698	304	280	216	241	1,686	876	863	939	4,364
2021	74,318,918	74,973,634	(654,716)	Proposed	1,138	137	606	499	334	33	171	146	1,472	170	777	645	3,064
2020	72,999,000	72,620,557	378,443	Proposed	1,058	509	563	510	372	465	412	607	1,430	974	975	1,117	4,496
2019	71,681,333	70,948,104	733,229	Proposed	935	378	565	296	376	435	369	616	1,311	813	934	912	3,970
2018	72,800,000	71,870,607	929,393	Default	361	282	328	245	337	414	463	853	698	696	791	1,098	3,283
2017	71,328,092	71,559,011	(230,919)	Proposed	832	602	808	420	166	354	207	155	998	956	1,015	575	3,544
2016	69,333,958	70,108,969	(775,011)	Proposed	852	531	895	1,173	145	243	303	376	997	774	1,198	1,549	4,518
2015	67,723,927	68,160,616	(436,689)	Proposed	1,214	477	1,067	681	377	281	435	289	1,591	758	1,502	970	4,821
2014	66,452,054	65,974,014	478,040	Default	920	422	500	264	607	558	353	855	1,527	980	853	1,119	4,479
2013	64,422,418	64,418,761	3,657	Proposed	720	335	464	433	374	307	207	305	1,094	642	671	738	3,145
2012	62,821,817	62,568,852	252,965	Proposed	1,000	285	628	434	602	393	514	387	1,602	678	1,142	821	4,243
2011	62,437,055	62,708,119	(271,064)	Proposed	679	563	759	559	167	273	475	105	846	836	1,234	664	3,580
2010	61,764,667	61,838,543	(73,876)	Proposed	822	449	624	864	205	238	308	257	1,027	687	932	1,121	3,767

As a % of Town Population				
Year	Atkinson	Danville	Plaistow	Sandown
Population*	7,321	4,525	7,862	6,621
2024	32%	25%	16%	23%
2023	15%	15%	8%	10%
2022	23%	19%	11%	14%
2021	20%	4%	10%	10%
2020	20%	22%	12%	17%
2019	18%	18%	12%	14%
2018	10%	15%	10%	17%
2017	14%	21%	13%	9%
2016	14%	17%	15%	23%
2015	22%	17%	19%	15%
2014	21%	22%	11%	17%
2013	15%	14%	9%	11%
2012	22%	15%	15%	12%
2011	12%	18%	16%	10%
2010	14%	15%	12%	17%

As a % of Total Voters				
Year	Atkinson	Danville	Plaistow	Sandown
2024	37%	18%	20%	24%
2023	37%	22%	20%	22%
2022	39%	20%	20%	22%
2021	48%	6%	25%	21%
2020	32%	22%	22%	25%
2019	33%	20%	24%	23%
2018	21%	21%	24%	33%
2017	28%	27%	29%	16%
2016	22%	17%	27%	34%
2015	33%	16%	31%	20%
2014	34%	22%	19%	25%
2013	35%	20%	21%	23%
2012	38%	16%	27%	19%
2011	24%	23%	34%	19%
2010	27%	18%	25%	30%

* Population from the report from the United States Census Bureau at <https://www.census.gov>

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Atkinson								
Year	Proposed	Default	Delta	Budget Passed	Yes	No	Total Votes	% of Total Vote
2024	89,120,265	89,585,373	(465,108)	Proposed	1,716	595	2,311	36.89%
2023	83,270,418	81,401,107	1,869,311	Proposed	770	330	1,100	36.61%
2022	75,753,607	76,300,383	(546,776)	Proposed	1,382	304	1,686	38.63%
2021	74,318,918	74,973,634	(654,716)	Proposed	1,138	334	1,472	48.04%
2020	72,999,000	72,620,557	378,443	Proposed	1,058	372	1,430	31.81%
2019	71,681,333	70,948,104	733,229	Proposed	935	376	1,311	33.02%
2018	72,800,000	71,870,607	929,393	Default	361	337	698	21.26%
2017	71,328,092	71,559,011	(230,919)	Proposed	832	166	998	28.16%
2016	69,333,958	70,108,969	(775,011)	Proposed	852	145	997	22.07%
2015	67,723,927	68,160,616	(436,689)	Proposed	1,214	377	1,591	33.00%
2014	66,452,054	65,974,014	478,040	Default	920	607	1,527	34.09%
2013	64,422,418	64,418,761	3,657	Proposed	720	374	1,094	34.79%
2012	62,821,817	62,568,852	252,965	Proposed	1,000	602	1,602	37.76%
2011	62,437,055	62,708,119	(271,064)	Proposed	679	167	846	23.63%
2010	61,764,667	61,838,543	(73,876)	Proposed	822	205	1,027	27.26%

Plaistow								
Year	Proposed	Default	Delta	Budget Passed	Yes	No	Total Votes	% of Total Vote
2024	89,120,265	89,585,373	(465,108)	Proposed	802	475	1,277	20.38%
2023	83,270,418	81,401,107	1,869,311	Proposed	335	255	590	19.63%
2022	75,753,607	76,300,383	(546,776)	Proposed	647	216	863	19.78%
2021	74,318,918	74,973,634	(654,716)	Proposed	606	171	777	25.36%
2020	72,999,000	72,620,557	378,443	Proposed	563	412	975	21.69%
2019	71,681,333	70,948,104	733,229	Proposed	565	369	934	23.53%
2018	72,800,000	71,870,607	929,393	Default	328	463	791	24.09%
2017	71,328,092	71,559,011	(230,919)	Proposed	808	207	1,015	28.64%
2016	69,333,958	70,108,969	(775,011)	Proposed	895	303	1,198	26.52%
2015	67,723,927	68,160,616	(436,689)	Proposed	1,067	435	1,502	31.16%
2014	66,452,054	65,974,014	478,040	Default	500	353	853	19.04%
2013	64,422,418	64,418,761	3,657	Proposed	464	207	671	21.34%
2012	62,821,817	62,568,852	252,965	Proposed	628	514	1,142	26.91%
2011	62,437,055	62,708,119	(271,064)	Proposed	759	475	1,234	34.47%
2010	61,764,667	61,838,543	(73,876)	Proposed	624	308	932	24.74%

Danville								
Year	Proposed	Default	Delta	Budget Passed	Yes	No	Total Votes	% of Total Vote
2024	89,120,265	89,585,373	(465,108)	Proposed	597	550	1,147	18.31%
2023	83,270,418	81,401,107	1,869,311	Proposed	329	329	658	21.90%
2022	75,753,607	76,300,383	(546,776)	Proposed	596	280	876	20.07%
2021	74,318,918	74,973,634	(654,716)	Proposed	137	33	170	5.55%
2020	72,999,000	72,620,557	378,443	Proposed	509	465	974	21.66%
2019	71,681,333	70,948,104	733,229	Proposed	378	435	813	20.48%
2018	72,800,000	71,870,607	929,393	Default	282	414	696	21.20%
2017	71,328,092	71,559,011	(230,919)	Proposed	602	354	956	26.98%
2016	69,333,958	70,108,969	(775,011)	Proposed	531	243	774	17.13%
2015	67,723,927	68,160,616	(436,689)	Proposed	477	281	758	15.72%
2014	66,452,054	65,974,014	478,040	Default	422	558	980	21.88%
2013	64,422,418	64,418,761	3,657	Proposed	335	307	642	20.41%
2012	62,821,817	62,568,852	252,965	Proposed	285	393	678	15.98%
2011	62,437,055	62,708,119	(271,064)	Proposed	563	273	836	23.35%
2010	61,764,667	61,838,543	(73,876)	Proposed	449	238	687	18.24%

Sandown								
Year	Proposed	Default	Delta	Budget Passed	Yes	No	Total Votes	% of Total Vote
2024	89,120,265	89,585,373	(465,108)	Proposed	955	575	1,530	24.42%
2023	83,270,418	81,401,107	1,869,311	Proposed	275	382	657	21.86%
2022	75,753,607	76,300,383	(546,776)	Proposed	698	241	939	21.52%
2021	74,318,918	74,973,634	(654,716)	Proposed	499	146	645	21.05%
2020	72,999,000	72,620,557	378,443	Proposed	510	607	1,117	24.84%
2019	71,681,333	70,948,104	733,229	Proposed	296	616	912	22.97%
2018	72,800,000	71,870,607	929,393	Default	245	853	1,098	33.45%
2017	71,328,092	71,559,011	(230,919)	Proposed	420	155	575	16.22%
2016	69,333,958	70,108,969	(775,011)	Proposed	1,173	376	1,549	34.29%
2015	67,723,927	68,160,616	(436,689)	Proposed	681	289	970	20.12%
2014	66,452,054	65,974,014	478,040	Default	264	855	1,119	24.98%
2013	64,422,418	64,418,761	3,657	Proposed	433	305	738	23.47%
2012	62,821,817	62,568,852	252,965	Proposed	434	387	821	19.35%
2011	62,437,055	62,708,119	(271,064)	Proposed	559	105	664	18.55%
2010	61,764,667	61,838,543	(73,876)	Proposed	864	257	1,121	29.76%