

# TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Serving the communities of Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow and Sandown

## **Public Hearing on the 2015-16 Budget with Review of Warrant**

January 15, 2015

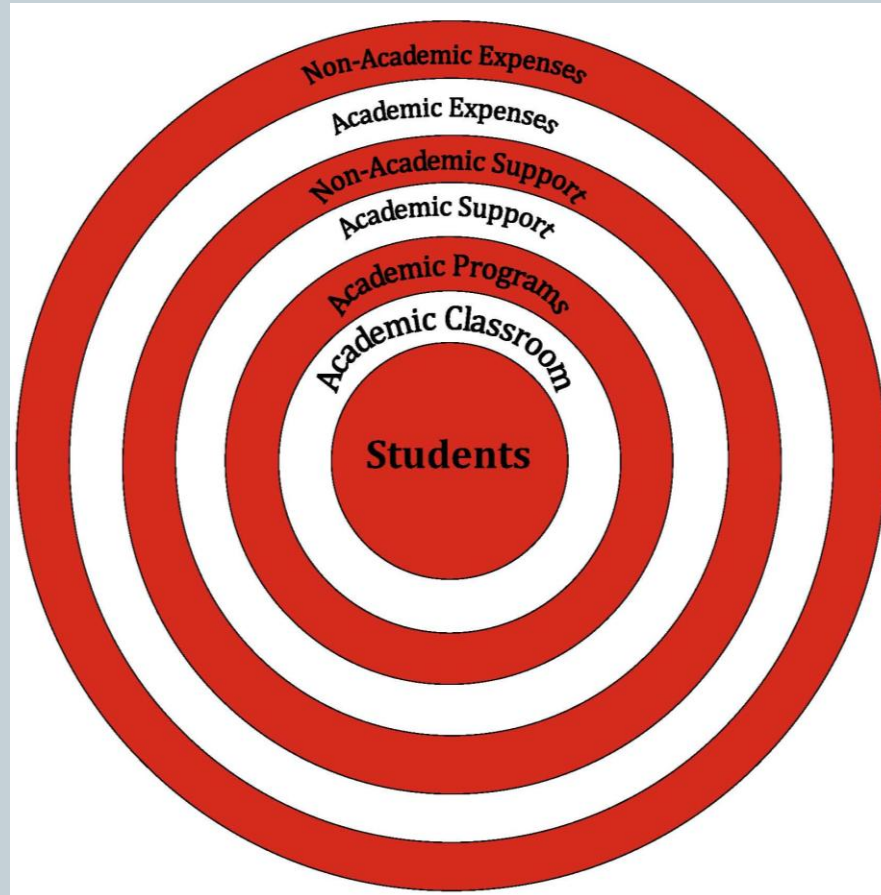
Performing Arts Center

40 Greenough Road, Plaistow, NH

# **Opening Comments from the Superintendent of Schools**

**Dr. Earl Metzler**

# Budget Philosophy



What cutting \$3.5 million dollars from the budget would look like...

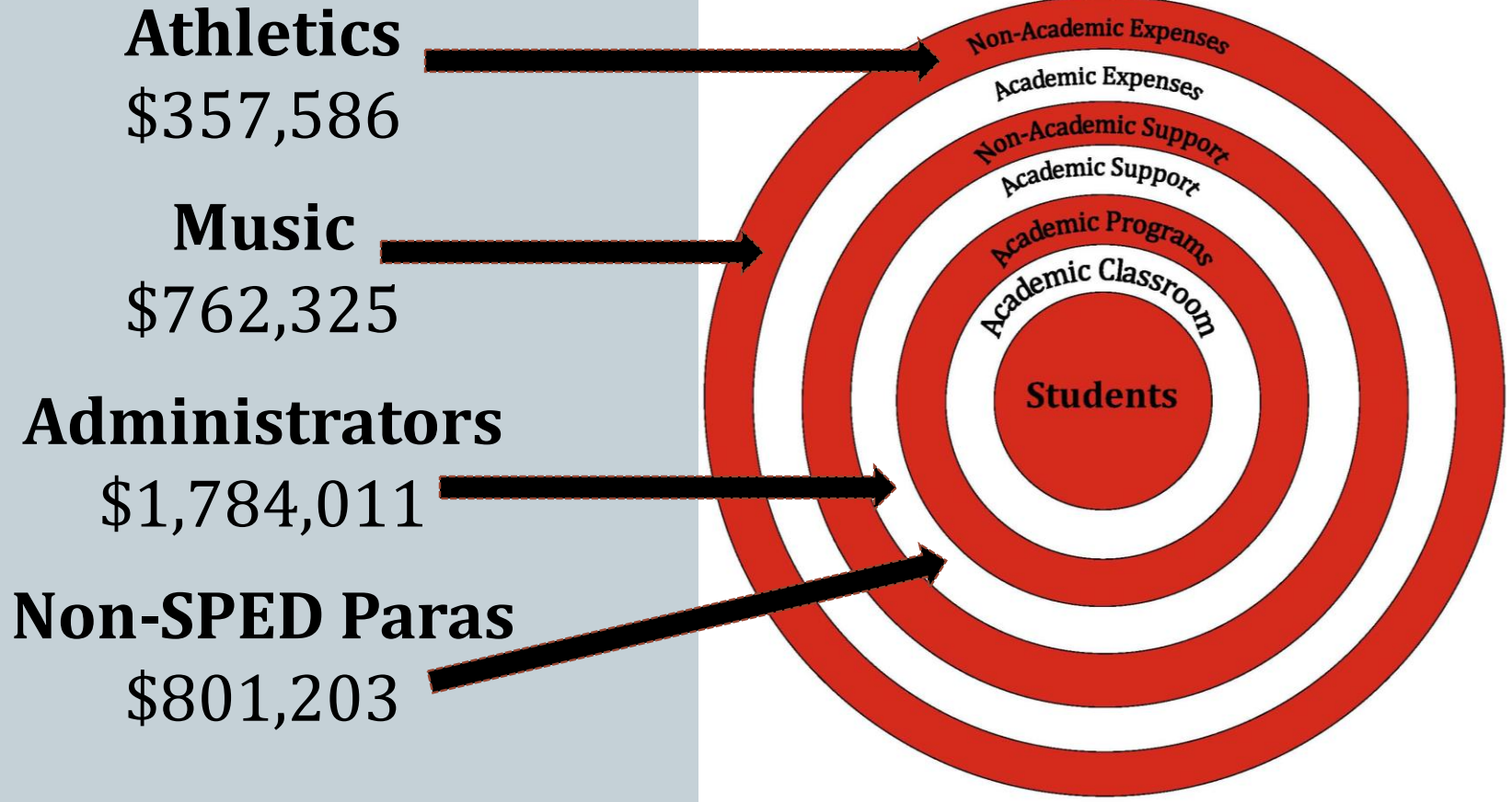
**Scenario  
#2**

**Scenario  
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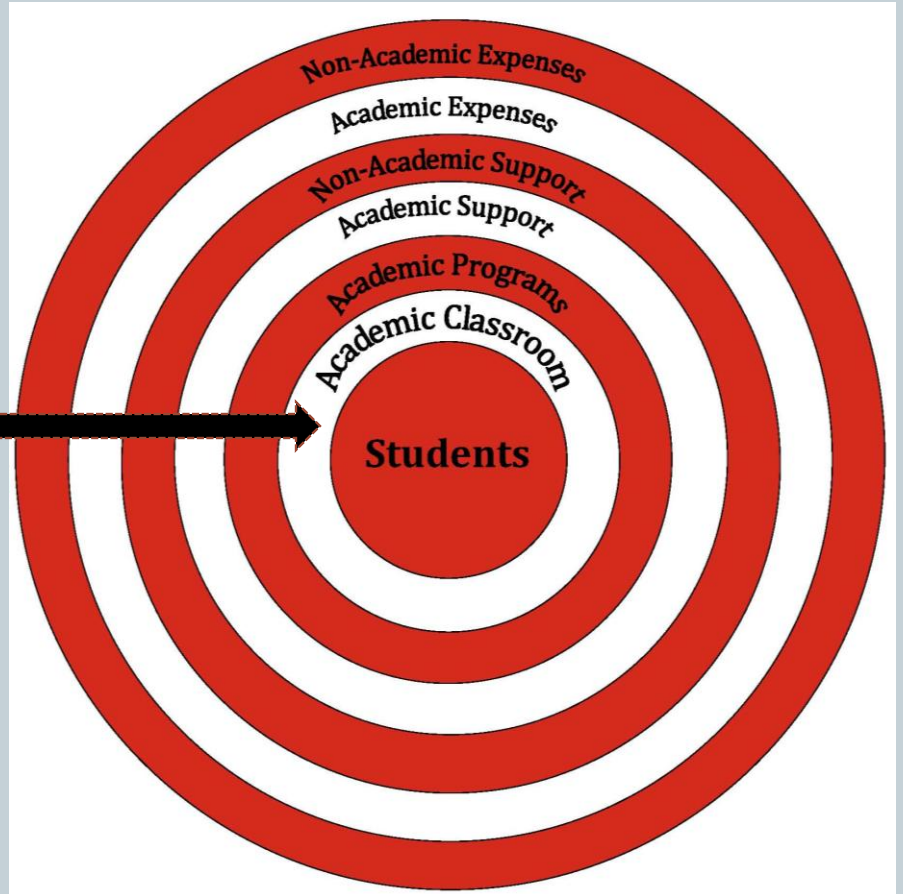


# Scenario #1



# Scenario #2

**69 Teachers**  
**\$3,500,000**



# Scenario #3

**Transportation**

\$1,788,737

**Music**

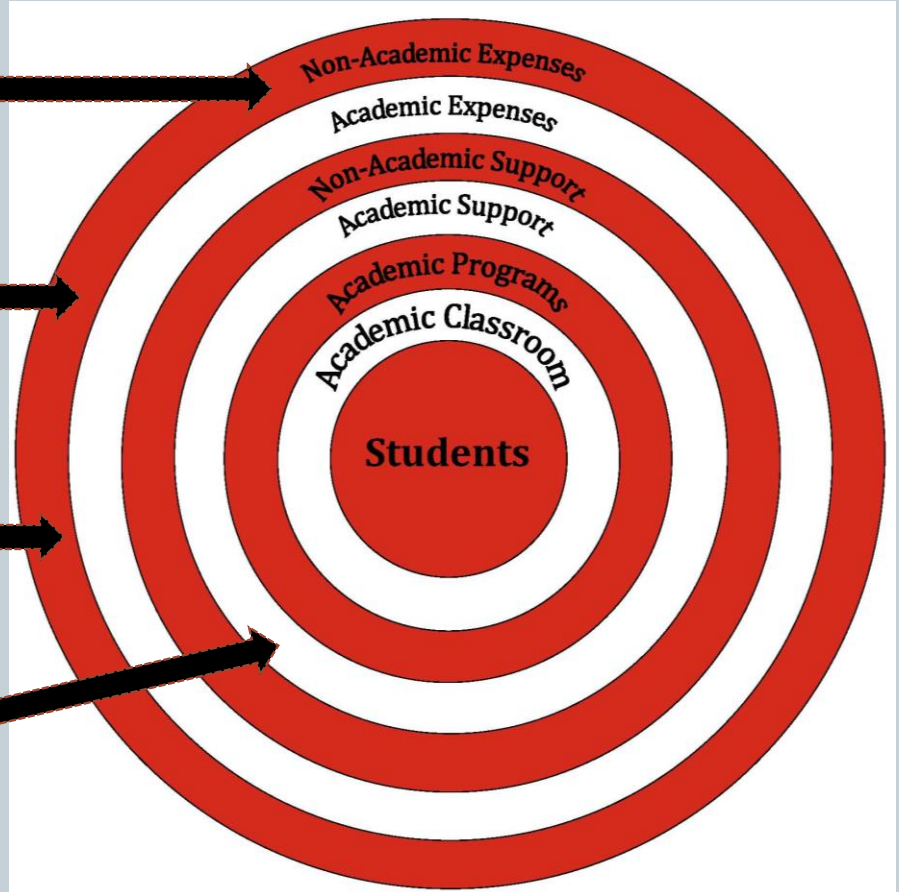
\$762,325

**Athletics**

\$357,586

**Non-SPED Paras**

\$801,203



# Fee Based Services



## **Transportation**

\$750.00 per student

## **Music**

\$500.00 per student

## **Athletics**

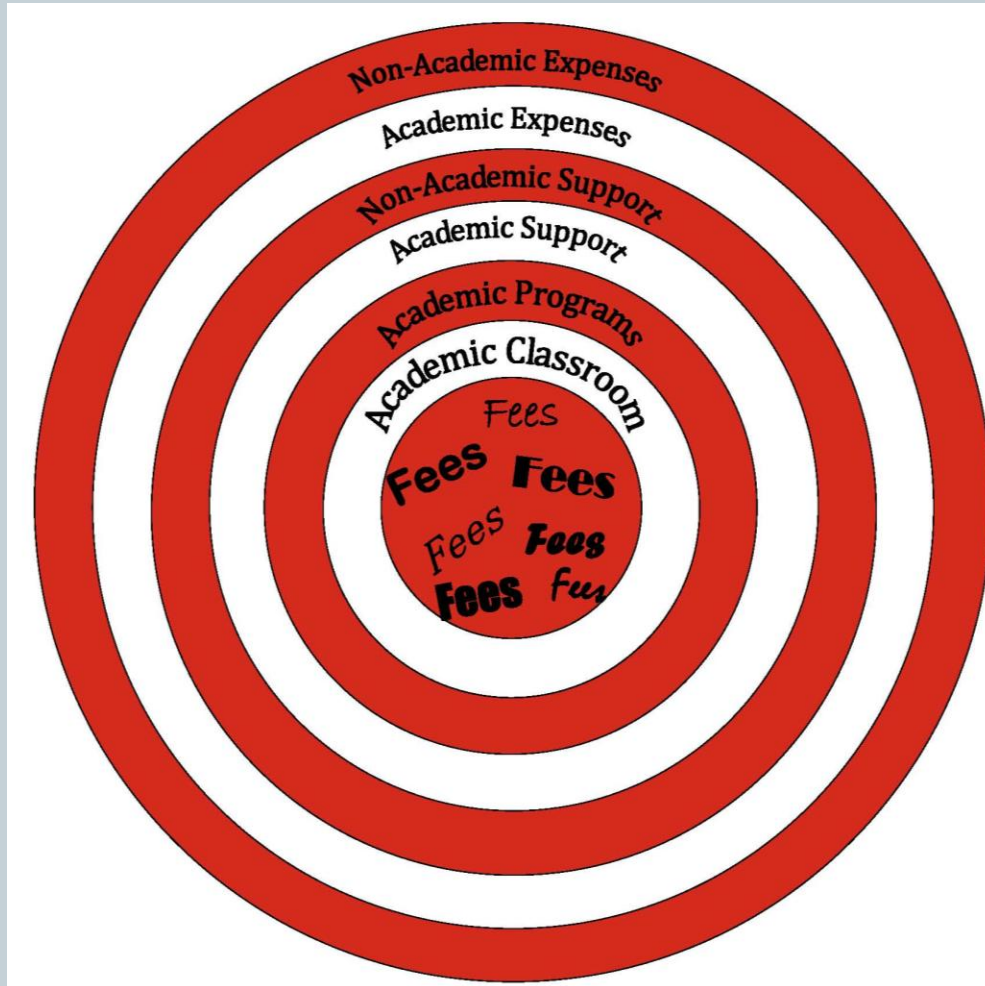
\$350.00 per high school student

\$175 per middle school student

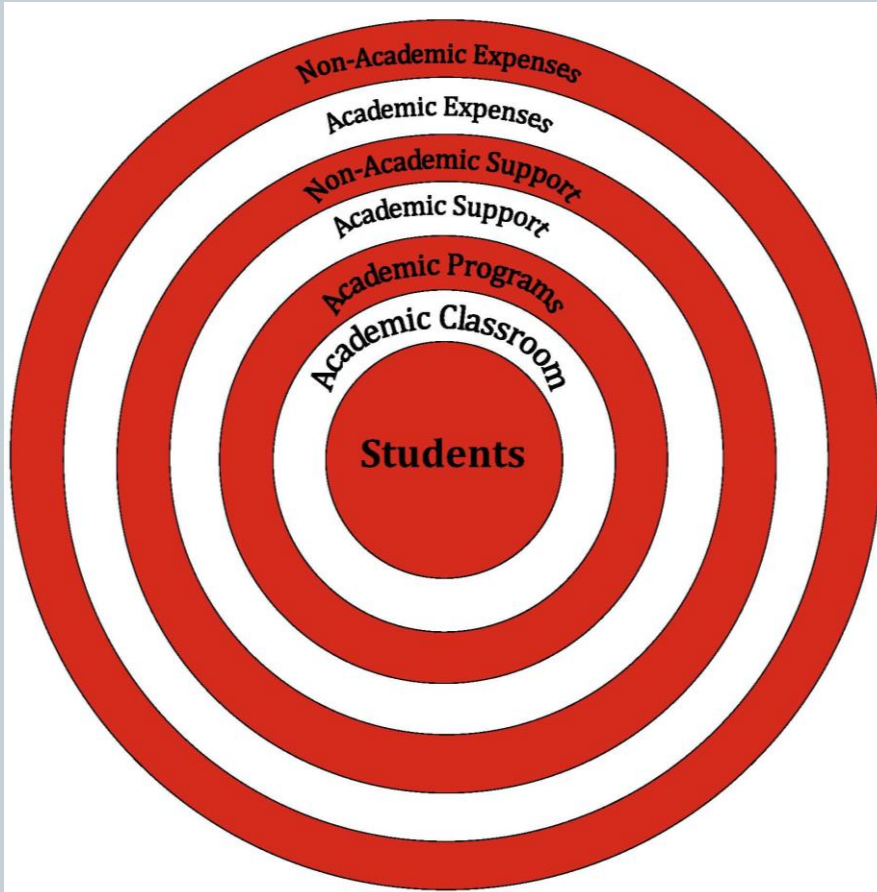
# Pay to Play



Students



# Inside Out or Outside In?



# Presentation Agenda



- First and Second Sessions of the Annual Meeting
- Article 1: Election of Officers – Filing Period
- The Budget Process
- The Operating Budget (Article 2)
- Default Budget
- Remaining Warrant Articles (read by the School Board Chair)
  - Article 3: Capital Reserve
  - Article 4: Sandown Central Kitchen Renovation/Operations
  - Article 5: Sandown North Playground
  - Article 6: Collective Bargaining Agreement
  - Article 7: Authorization for Special Meeting
  - Article 8: General Acceptance of Reports
  - Articles 9 - 12: Citizens Petitions

# First Session of Annual Meeting



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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Timberlane Performing Arts Center, Greenough Road, Plaistow, New Hampshire, on Thursday, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2015, at 7:00 p.m. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles number 2 through number 12. Warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended, (b) warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended, and (c) no warrant article shall be amended to eliminate the subject matter of the article.

# Second Session of Annual Meeting



## **Second Session of Annual Meeting (Voting)**

Voting on warrant articles number 1 through number 12 will be conducted by official ballot to be held in conjunction with town meeting voting to be held on Tuesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015, at the Town election polls in Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, and Sandown, New Hampshire.

Atkinson will vote at the Atkinson Community Center 7am-8pm

Danville will vote at the Danville Community Center 8am-7pm

Plaistow will vote at Pollard School 7am-8pm

Sandown will vote at the Sandown Town Hall 8am-8pm

# Article 1 – Election of Officers



To choose the following school district officers:

- |                   |                         |             |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| • Atkinson Voters | School Board Member     | 2-year Term |
| • Atkinson Voters | School Board Member     | 3-Year Term |
| • Plaistow Voters | School Board Member     | 3-year Term |
| • Sandown Voters  | School Board Member     | 3-Year Term |
| • Atkinson Voters | Budget Committee Member | 3-Year Term |
| • Danville Voters | Budget Committee Member | 2-Year Term |
| • Plaistow Voters | Budget Committee Member | 2-Year Term |
| • Plaistow Voters | Budget Committee Member | 3-Year Term |
| • Sandown Voters  | Budget Committee Member | 3-Year Term |

*The filing period for vacancies is January 21 to January 30 at the Superintendent's Office.*

# Article 2 – Operating Budget



Shall the voters of the Timberlane 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 **\$67,723,927**? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be **\$68,160,616** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Timberlane 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: Warrant Article 2 (the operating budget) does not include appropriations proposed under any other warrant articles. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

# Budget Process



- Building Level Needs
  - Building Administrators
  - Directors
- Review & Recommendation
  - School Board
  - Budget Committee
- Public Deliberation
- Vote

# Need Based Budget Requests



Total 2014-2015 Budget:	\$67,335,682	
Administrative Requests		
• Increase of:	\$1,850,564	2.75%
Committee & Board Adjustments		
• Decrease of:	(\$1,462,319)	
Proposed Budget Summary		
• Increase of:	\$388,245	0.58%

Total 2015-2016 Proposed Budget

**\$67,723,927**

# Budget Drivers



The major budget drivers affecting most of the change:

- Employee Salaries \$144,126
- SAU 55 \$125,046
- Utilities \$105,336
- Net Decrease in Staff of 15.4 FTE
- Employee Benefits
  - NH State Retirement \$399,183
  - Employee Insurance (\$717,405)
  - Other Benefits (\$18,824)

# Budget Drivers



- Instruction Related
  - Professional Services (\$27,093)
  - Books, Supplies and Equipment \$154,449
  - Out of District Tuition \$11,700
  - Transportation \$95,219
- Other
  - Bond Interest (\$84,000)

# Highlights -Inc/(Dec) by Function



1100 Regular Education \$341,168

1200 Special Education (\$13,098)

1420 Athletics \$24,965

1490 Drivers Education (\$143,266)

1600 Evening Division \$23,930

21xx Support Services - Students \$21,698

221x Support Services - Staff & Admin \$19,091

222x Library/Media Services \$21,112

2320 SAU 55 \$125,046

# Highlights -Inc/(Dec) by Function



2410 Office of the Principal \$119,623

26xx Operation & Maintenance of Plant \$101,375

272x Transportation \$95,219

2840 Information Management (\$6,456)

2900 Support Services - Benefits (\$344,146)

4200/4600 Major Maintenance/Renovation (\$1,450)

51xx Bond Principal & Interest (\$84,000)

5250 Capital Reserve & Federal Grants 110,000

**2015-2016 Budget Increase \$388,245**

# Default Budget



Should the proposed budget be defeated, the Default Budget would be: \$68,160,616

Default: \$68,160,616

Proposed: \$67,723,927

Difference: (\$436,689)

Items in the default budget not in the proposed are discretionary items such as:

- Staff Reductions
- Facility Closure
- Non Affiliated Increases
- Equipment Increase

# DEFAULT BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL

OF: Timberlane Regional School District, NH  
 Fiscal Year From July 1, XXXX to June 30, XXXX

RSA 40:13, 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.** For the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, **as determined by the governing body**, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, of the local political subdivision.

Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriation s	DEFAULT BUDGET
INSTRUCTION					
1100-1199	Regular Programs	19,361,265	(105,183)		19,256,082

# Article 3 – Capital Reserve Fund



Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District raise and appropriate up to **\$250,000** to be placed in the School Building Construction, Reconstruction, Capital Improvement and Land Purchase Capital Reserve Fund established in 1996, with such amount to be transferred from the June 30, 2015 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1 of this year? This sum to come from fund balance (2014-15 budget surplus) and no amount to be raised by taxation. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

# Article 4 – Sandown Central Kitchen and Operational Costs

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District raise and appropriate up to of **\$1,160,544**, with \$744,299 to be used for the operational costs of Sandown Central Elementary School and \$416,245 to renovate the kitchen at Sandown Central Elementary School and to further authorize the District to withdraw the said **\$416,245** from the existing School Building Construction, Reconstruction, Capital Improvements and Land Purchase Capital Reserve Fund? *(Only \$744,299 shall be raised by taxation.)* (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

# Article 5 – Sandown North Playground

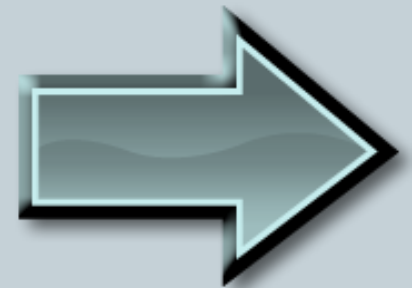


Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District raise and appropriate up to **\$90,000** for the expansion and upgrade of the Sandown North Elementary School playground? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

# Article 6 – Two Year Collective Bargaining Agreement (TSSU)

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Timberlane Support Staff Union and the Timberlane Regional School Board, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

Cost Distribution	2015-16	2016-17
Salaries	\$82,518	\$83,212
FICA	6,313	6,366
NH Retirement	8,952	9,095
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$97,783</b>	<b>\$98,673</b>



# Article 6 – One Year Collective Bargaining Agreement (TSSU)

**AND...**

further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$97,783 for the 2015-16 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 the current staffing levels? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

# Article 7 - Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items



Shall the Timberlane Regional School, if Article 6 is defeated, authorize the Timberlane Regional School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 6 cost items only?  
(MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

(Without this Article the District would have to petition Superior Court for a special School District meeting. This saves the District the expense of attorney fees and court costs.)

# Article 8 - Acceptance of Reports



Shall the Timberlane Regional School District accept reports of agents, auditors, and committees as written in the 2014 Annual Report? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

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National Blue Ribbon School  
2011

**2011 Annual Report available at:**  
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# Article 9- Expand to Non-Tuition, Full Day Kindergarten Warrant Petition by Brian Stack et al



Shall the Timberlane Regional School District expand the current kindergarten program to a non-tuition, full day kindergarten program in each elementary school with the increase in necessary funding coming from the operating budget? (ADVISORY ONLY)  
MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

# Article 10- Amend Articles of Agreement Petition by Shawn O'Neil et al

To see if the Timberlane Regional School District shall replace Article #5 and Article #6 from the April 30, 1964 agreement to read:

5. The operating and capital expenses of the Timberlane Regional School District payable in each fiscal year shall be apportioned at a rate so each pre-existing district pays the same local school rate of taxation based upon the equalized valuation as most currently available as determined by the State Tax Commission. All forms of aid and local school impact fees from each pre-existing district will be applied to reduce the operating and capital expense before apportionment.
6. Repealed

(2/3 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

# Article 11- Continue Operation of Sandown Central Petition by Shawn Freligh et al



Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District raise and appropriate up to \$602,528 for the continuing operation of Sandown Elementary School as an elementary school? This warrant will be void if warrant article “Sandown Central Elementary School Operational Costs and Kitchen Renovation” passes. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

# Article 12- Impact and Consolidation Plan Petition by Shawn Freligh et al

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District require that before any District school is closed or consolidated the District School Board must conduct a complete impact and consolidation plan to determine feasibility of closing a school? The details of the study and consolidation plan will be presented to District voters at a public hearing a minimum of two-months before voting. The decision to close any district school must be placed in the school district ballot for voting. In the event the District School Board votes to close any District school for the 2015/2016 school year, that vote will be reversed and authority revoked by the voters of the District per passage of this Warrant. (ADVISORY ONLY)(MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

# Special Meetings



The School Board will meet immediately following the public hearing in room 719 to take recommendation action on the warrant and conduct other school board business.

The Budget Committee will meet immediately following the public hearing in room 716 to take action recommendation on the warrant and conduct other committee business.

# Deliberative Session



Thursday, February 5, 2015  
at 7:00 pm in the  
High School gymnasium

*\*\*Voter Check-in opens at 6pm in  
the High School cafeteria.\*\**