

EXPLANATORY TEXT
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.14
2026-2027 BUDGET REFERENDUM
May 5, 2026

A referendum will be held on **Tuesday May 5, 2026**, in the Towns of Bethlehem and Woodbury with respect to the adoption of a budget for **Regional School District No. 14** [“the District”] for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Specifically, eligible voters in the District’s afore-mentioned member towns will be voting whether to approve an operating budget for the District for the **2026-2027** fiscal year (which commences on July 1, 2026, and ends on June 30, 2027), in the amount of **\$44,757,503**.

The proposed budget represents a **four point six-four** (4.64%) increase over the 2025-2026 operating budget. The breakdown of the proposed budget is as follows:

- Certified Salaries = 44.25%
- Classified Salaries = 12.63%
- Employee Benefits = 15.92%
- Purchased Services – Non-Instructional = 10.24%
- Purchased Services – Instructional = 5.93%
- Debt Service & Liability Insurance = 6.88%
- Capital Outlay = .88%
- Supplies & Materials – Instructional = 1.82%
- Supplies & Materials – Non-Instructional = 1.45%

The proposed budget was initially developed by the District’s Superintendent of Schools, with the input of District staff. The District’s Board of Education then received, reviewed, and revised the proposed budget, with further presentations to the Board, member town officials and the public at large, including budget workshops. Subsequently, a public hearing on the proposed budget was conducted on March 24, 2026, and the District’s Board of Education voted to approve the budget on April 6, 2026, with this budget now being subject to approval of the voters at the May 5, 2026 referendum. This budgetary review and approval process is governed by state statutory timelines and mandates. The full proposed budget is available at <https://www.ctreg14.org/district/budget>

The vote on said budget will be by the voting machines in the towns of Bethlehem and Woodbury, Connecticut on Tuesday May 5, 2026 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

This explanatory text has been prepared pursuant to Section 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes and is intended not to advocate either the approval or disapproval of the referendum question