



OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION  
EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 12, 2024

Joyce A. Blanchard  
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●  
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.  
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

SCHOOL BOARD

3 years Vote for not more than 1

JOHN SCULLY 545 ☐

BENJAMIN LEAVITT 830 ☐

☐  
(Write-in)

SCHOOL TREASURER

3 years Vote for not more than 1

LISA FOGG 1245 ☐

☐  
(Write-in)

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

3 years Vote for not more than 1

☐

(Write-in)

ARTICLES

Article 01: Paraprofessional Collective Bargaining

To see if the town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Epping School Board and the Epping Paraprofessional Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level over those paid in the prior fiscal year:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2024-2025	\$145,293.00
2025-2026	\$132,605.00
2026-2027	\$140,464.00

YES = 904  
NO = 682

and further to raise and appropriate \$145,293.00 for the current 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. (Majority vote required)

Board 5-0 Budget Committee 10-0-0 recommended this appropriation

YES  
NO

Article 02: Special Meeting for Defeated/Amended Collective Bargaining Agreements

Shall the town, if warrant article #01 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address warrant article cost items only? (Majority vote required)  
Board 5-0 recommended this article.

YES = 903  
NO = 656

YES  
NO

Article 03: Operating Budget

Shall the Epping 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 \$24,644,683.00? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$24,145,921.00, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Epping 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. (Majority vote required)

Board 5-0 Budget Committee 9-0-1 recommended this appropriation.

YES = 848  
NO = 730

YES  
NO

Article 04: Add to Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve

Shall the Epping School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$300,000 to be added to the Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2013, this sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1? (No amount to be raised from additional taxation.) (Majority vote required)

Board 5-0 Budget Committee 9-1-0 recommended this appropriation.

YES = 944  
NO = 636

YES  
NO

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

## ARTICLES CONTINUED

### Article 05: Add to Special Education Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Epping School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Special Education Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2017, this sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1? (No amount to be raised from additional taxation.) YES  
(Majority vote required) NO  
Board 5-0 Budget Committee 9-1-0 recommended this appropriation.

YES = 1067  
NO = 499

### Article 06: Petitioned Warrant

To see if Epping voters shall request that the Epping School Board conduct an investigation on the question of whether to separate school administrative costs from school operating cost in a manner that will allow Epping voters to easily discern between administrative and educational cost. Results from this investigation shall be printed in the 2025 school district report. YES  
NO

YES = 1105  
NO = 417

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT