

**STATE OF MAINE  
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 26  
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM  
OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE TOWN OF ORONO  
JUNE 11, 2019**

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Chair of the School Board

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:**

**Vote "yes" or "no" by making a cross (X) or check mark (✓) in the square of your choice at the left of each article.**

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**Yes      No**  
      **Article 1:**    Do you favor approving the Regional School Unit No. 26 budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest Regional School Unit budget meeting?

**Yes      No**  
      **Article 2:**    Do you wish to continue the budget validation referendum process in Regional School Unit No. 26 for an additional three years?

**INFORMATIONAL NOTE ON ARTICLE 2:**

**A "YES" vote will require Regional School Unit No. 26 to continue to conduct a referendum to validate its annual school budget for the next three years.**

**A "NO" vote will discontinue the budget validation referendum for at least three years and provide instead that the annual school budget shall be finally adopted at a meeting of the voters of Regional School Unit No. 26.**

**NOTICE OF AMOUNTS ADOPTED AT BUDGET MEETING  
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 26  
INFORMATION FOR VOTERS AT BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM**

TO: Municipal Clerks of the Town of Orono, State of Maine

In the name of the State of Maine and pursuant to 20-A M.R.S. § 1486(2) you are hereby directed to display this Notice of Amounts Adopted at Budget Meeting at the polling places within your respective municipalities to assist the voters of Regional School Unit No. 26 (the "Regional School Unit") in voting at the budget validation referendum to be held on June 11, 2019, for the purpose of determining if the Regional School Unit budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year that was adopted at the Regional School Unit budget meeting on May 14, 2019, should be approved.

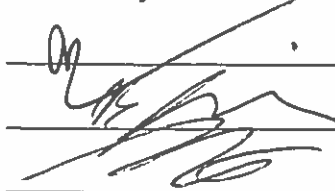
Cost Center Summary Budget Category	Amount Recommended by School Board	Amount Approved by Voters at Budget Meeting <sup>1</sup>
Regular Instruction	\$ 5,921,242.16	\$ 5,921,242.16
Special Education	\$ 3,141,978.60	\$ 3,141,978.60
Career and Technical Education	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Other Instruction	\$ 650,251.35	\$ 650,251.35
Student and Staff Support	\$ 1,102,234.60	\$ 1,102,234.60
System Administration	\$ 490,434.28	\$ 490,434.28
School Administration	\$ 742,899.22	\$ 742,899.22
Transportation and Buses	\$ 348,182.32	\$ 348,182.32
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 1,343,428.54	\$ 1,343,428.54
Debt Service and Other Commitments	\$ 455,941.67	\$ 455,941.67
All Other Expenditures	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Summary of Total Authorized General Fund Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$ 14,196,592.74</b>	<b>\$ 14,196,592.74</b>

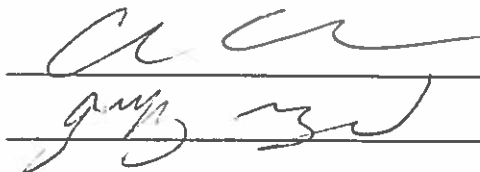
<sup>1</sup>Amounts to be completed by Superintendent of Schools under authority of the School Board.

The amount approved at the Regional School Unit budget meeting includes locally raised funds that exceed the maximum state and local spending target pursuant to 20-A M.R.S. § 15671-A(5).

Disposition of Additional State Subsidy<sup>2</sup>: The voters of the Regional School Unit have authorized the School Board to use all or part of additional state subsidy received, if any, to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Board and/or decrease the local cost share expectation, as defined in Title 20-A, section 15671-A(1)(B), for local property taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the School Board.

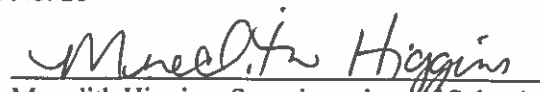
<sup>2</sup>Under authority of the School Board, the Superintendent of Schools must strike the statement concerning Disposition of Additional State Subsidy if the voters did not so authorize.

  
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A majority of the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 26

Dated: May 14, 2019

  
Meredith Higgins, Superintendent of Schools  
Regional School Unit No. 26

**WARRANT AND NOTICE OF ELECTION CALLING  
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 26  
BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM  
(20-A M.R.S. § 1486)**

TO: Lynn Gray, a resident of Regional School Unit No. 26 (the "Regional School Unit") composed of the Town of Orono, State of Maine.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby ordered to serve upon the municipal clerks of each of the municipalities within the Regional School Unit, namely, the Town of Orono, an attested copy of this warrant and notice of election. Service shall be in hand within three (3) days of the date of this warrant and notice of election. The municipal clerks of the above municipalities shall immediately notify the respective Municipal Officers. The Municipal Officers shall meet forthwith and countersign this warrant and notice of election. The Municipal Officers shall provide below for the respective municipal clerks to post or have posted this warrant and notice of election.

**TOWN OF ORONO  
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM  
WARRANT AND NOTICE OF ELECTION**

Penobscot County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: Josh Ewing, Constable of Orono: You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to cause the voters of this municipality to be notified of the election described in this warrant and notice of election.

**TO THE VOTERS OF ORONO:** You are hereby notified that a Regional School Unit budget validation referendum election will be held at the Orono Town Office, 59 Main Street in the Town of Orono on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 for the purpose of determining the following articles:

Article 1A: To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 1: Do you favor approving the Regional School Unit No. 26 budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest Regional School Unit budget meeting?

Article 2: Do you wish to continue the budget validation referendum process in Regional School Unit No. 26 for an additional three years?

**INFORMATIONAL NOTE ON ARTICLE 2:**

A "YES" vote will require Regional School Unit No. 26 to continue to conduct a referendum to validate its annual school budget for the next three years.

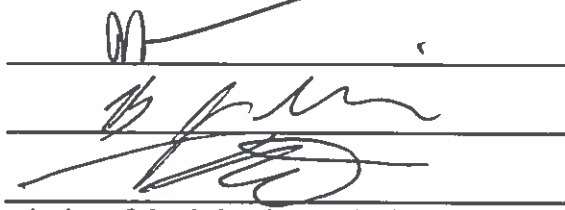
A "NO" vote will discontinue the budget validation referendum for at least three years and provide instead that the annual school budget shall be finally adopted at a meeting of the voters of Regional School Unit No. 26.

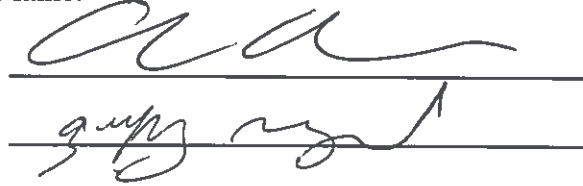
The voting on Articles 1 and 2 shall be by secret ballot referendum. The polls will be opened immediately after election of the moderator following commencement of the meeting at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The Registrar of Voters shall hold office hours while the polls are open to correct any error in or change a name or address on the voting list; to accept the registration of any person eligible to vote and to accept new enrollments.

A person who is not registered as a voter may not vote in any election.


Given under our hand this day, May 3, 2019 at Orono, Maine.



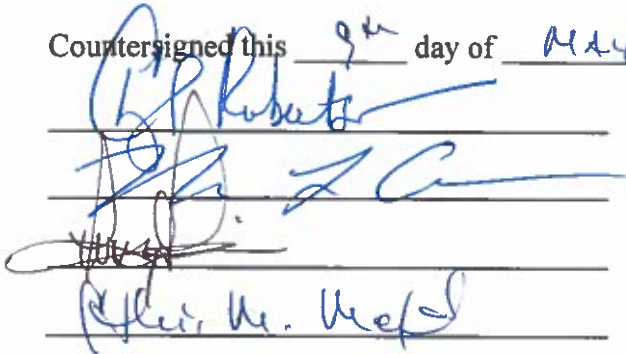


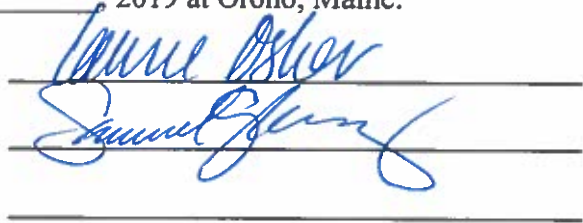
A majority of the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 26

A true copy of the Warrant and Notice of Election, attest:

  
Lynn Gray  
Resident of  
Regional School Unit No. 26

Countersigned this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019 at Orono, Maine.





A majority of the Municipal Officers of Orono, Maine

A true copy of the Warrant and Notice of Election, attest:

  
Shelly Crosby, Municipal Clerk  
Orono, Maine

RETURN

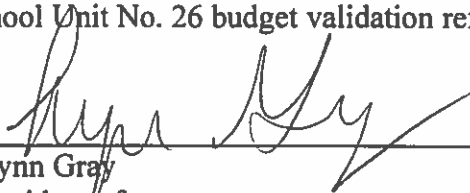
Penobscot County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: The School Board of Regional School Unit No. 26

May 6, 2019

Pursuant to the within warrant and notice of election, directed to me, I have served in hand upon the municipal clerk of Orono, an attested copy of this warrant and notice of election, directing the Municipal Officers of said municipality to call a Regional School Unit No. 26 budget validation referendum at said time and place and for the purposes therein stated.



Lynn Gray  
Resident of  
Regional School Unit No. 26

RETURN

Penobscot County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: The Municipal Officers of the Town of Orono

I certify that I have notified the voters of the Town of Orono of the time and place of the Regional School Unit No. 26 budget validation referendum by posting an attested copy of the within warrant and notice of election as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION OF POSTING</u>
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being public and conspicuous places in said municipality and being at least seven days next prior to election day.

Dated at Orono, Maine: \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

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Josh Ewing, Constable  
Orono, Maine

**WARRANT TO CALL  
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 26 BUDGET MEETING  
(20-A M.R.S. § 1485)**

TO: Lynn Gray, a resident of Regional School Unit No. 26 (the "Regional School Unit")  
composed of the Town of Orono, State of Maine.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify the voters of each of the municipalities within the Regional School Unit, namely, the Town of Orono, that a Regional School Unit Budget Meeting will be held at Orono High School Cafeteria, 14 Goodridge Drive, Orono, Maine at 6:00 p.m. on May 14, 2019 for the purpose of determining the Budget Meeting Articles for the 2019-2020 fiscal year set forth below.

**ARTICLE 1A:** To elect a moderator to preside at the meeting.

**ARTICLES 1 THROUGH 11**  
**AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST CENTER CATEGORIES**

- ARTICLE 1:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.  
**School Board Recommends \$5,921,242.16**
- ARTICLE 2:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.  
**School Board Recommends \$3,141,978.60**
- ARTICLE 3:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.  
**School Board Recommends \$0.00**
- ARTICLE 4:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.  
**School Board Recommends \$650,251.35**
- ARTICLE 5:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.  
**School Board Recommends \$1,102,234.60**
- ARTICLE 6:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration.  
**School Board Recommends \$490,434.28**
- ARTICLE 7:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration.  
**School Board Recommends \$742,899.22**
- ARTICLE 8:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.  
**School Board Recommends \$348,182.32**

- ARTICLE 9:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.  
**School Board Recommends \$1,343,428.54**
- ARTICLE 10:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.  
**School Board Recommends \$455,941.67**
- ARTICLE 11:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.  
**School Board Recommends \$0.00**

**ARTICLES 12 AND 13**  
**RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

- ARTICLE 12:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and assess as each municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.  
**Recommended amounts set forth below:**

<b>Total Appropriated (by municipality):</b>		<b>Total Raised (and Regional School Unit assessments by municipality):</b>	
Town of Orono	\$ 8,186,581.74	Town of Orono	\$ 3,594,486.00
<b>Total Appropriated (sum of above)</b>	<b>\$ 8,186,581.74</b>	<b>Total Raised (sum of above)</b>	<b>\$ 3,594,486.00</b>

*Explanation: The Regional School Unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the Regional School Unit must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.*

- ARTICLE 13: (Written ballot required.)** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$3,092,949.71**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$3,092,949.71**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board Recommends **\$3,092,949.71**, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$3,092,949.71**. The School Board gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model: The Essential Programs and Services funding formula does not provide funding to fully cover the actual costs of special education programming, student transportation, system administration, co and extra-curricular programming. If student enrollments remain static or decline, and/or property valuations continue to increase at a rate faster than the state average, the formula will calculate lower EPS total allocations and/or higher local contributions.

*Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Regional School Unit's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Regional School Unit budget for educational programs.*

#### **ARTICLE 14 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

**ARTICLE 14:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will authorize the School Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 from the Regional School Unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.  
**School Board Recommends \$14,196,592.74**

#### **ARTICLE 15 RAISES AND APPROPRIATES FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM**

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate **\$100,000.00** for the school nutrition program with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the school nutrition program.

#### **ARTICLE 16 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Regional School Unit will appropriate **\$112,200.00** for adult education and raise **\$40,000.00** as the local share, with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program.

#### **ARTICLE 17 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS**

**ARTICLE 17:** In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the School Board be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school and other program purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?



**ARTICLE 18 AUTHORIZES THE  
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION BUDGET**

**ARTICLE 18:** Shall the regional career and technical education operating budget as approved by the cooperative board for the year beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 be approved in the amount of \$2,981,841.68?

**ARTICLE 19 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET FOR THE  
CAREER AND TECHNICAL REGION AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE**

**ARTICLE 19:** Shall the regional career and technical education adult education operating budget as approve by the cooperative board for the year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 be approved in the amount of \$322,353.71 and shall Regional School Unit No. 26 raise \$2,930.60 as its share of the career and technical adult education budget?

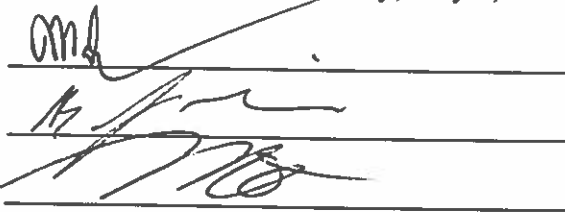
**ARTICLE 20 AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER TO AND EXPENDITURE FROM  
THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

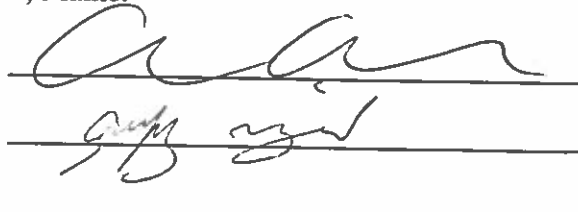
**ARTICLE 20:** Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer \$126,000.00 from available fund balances to the Capital Reserve Fund and to expend up to \$126,000.00 from said reserve fund for the purpose of paying costs of building improvement projects to Asa Adams School, Orono Middle School, and Orono High School?

**ARTICLE 21 AUTHORIZES THE DISPOSITION OF ANY ADDITIONAL STATE  
SUBSIDY RECEIVED**

**ARTICLE 21:** In the event that the Regional School Unit receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget, shall the School Board be authorized to use all or part of the additional state subsidy to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Board and/or decrease the local cost share expectation, as defined in Title 20-A, section 15671-A(1)(B), for local property taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the School Board?

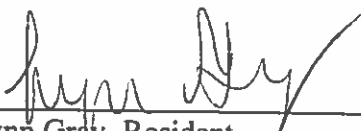
Given under our hand this day, May 3, 2019 at Orono, Maine.

  
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A majority of the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 26

A true copy of the Warrant, attest:

  
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Lynn Gray, Resident  
Regional School Unit No. 26