

**WARRANT TO CALL REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 5
BUDGET MEETING
(20-A M.R.S.A. §1485)**

TO: Kelly M. Wentworth, a resident of Regional School Unit No. 5 (the "Regional School Unit") composed of the Towns of Durham, Freeport and Pownal, 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 Regional School Unit No. 5, namely, the Towns of Durham, Freeport and Pownal, that a Regional School Unit Budget Meeting will be held at Freeport High School, 30 Holbrook Street, Freeport, Maine at 6:30 p.m. on May 27, 2015 for the purpose of determining the Budget Meeting articles 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 Student and Staff Support.

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$ 2,837,476.00

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$ 1,365,040.00

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$ 3,541,592.00

ARTICLE 4: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$ 512,001.00

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$ 189,552.00

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$ 12,212,716.00

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$ 676,475.00

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$ 778,805.00

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$ 1,421,847.00

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$ 1,701,717.00

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$ 4,019,982.00

**ARTICLES 12 THROUGH 15 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:**

Total Appropriated (by municipality):	Total raised (and Regional School Unit assessments by municipality):
Town of Durham: \$ 7,420,356.05	Town of Durham: \$ 2,969,130.66
Town of Freeport: \$11,925,586.51	Town of Freeport: \$11,416,455.34
Town of Pownal: \$ 2,044,042.72	Town of Pownal: \$ 1,577,562.66
Regional School Unit Total	Regional School Unit
Appropriated	Total Raised:
(Sum of above) \$21,389,985.28	(Sum of above) \$15,963,148.66

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. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where applicable, town contributions are adjusted per Reorganization Plan Section 13-B.

ARTICLE 13: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the Regional School Unit voters for non-state-funded school construction projects, or non-state-funded portions of

school construction projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the Regional School Unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12.

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$396,033.00

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the Regional School Unit's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the Regional School Unit voters.

ARTICLE 14: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and to appropriate the sum of **(Recommend \$188,152.00)** in additional local dollars in support of the school nutrition program.

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$188,152.00

ARTICLE 15: (Written ballot required). To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local funds **(Recommend \$7,283,033)**, which allows this budget to exceed the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **(Recommend \$6,822,763)** as required to fund the budget recommended by the Regional School Unit Board.

The Regional School Unit Board recommends \$7,283,033 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$6,822,763: **The State's Essential Program and Services funding formula is a minimum model to support education in grades K-12. RSU No. 5 provides additional funds to support lower student / teacher ratios, additional co-curricular activities in addition to complete educational programs for all our students.**

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 16 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 16: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will authorize the Regional School Unit Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 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.

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$ 29,257,203.00

ARTICLE 17 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

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

ARTICLE 18 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE

ARTICLE 18: To see if Regional School Unit No. 5 will appropriate \$201,923.00 for adult education and raise \$ 83,000.00 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 19 AUTHORIZES THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL REGION BUDGET

ARTICLE 19: Shall the regional career and technical education operating budget as approved by the cooperative board for the year beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 be approved in the amount of \$ 2,076,290?

ARTICLE 20 AUTHORIZES LEASE PURCHASE OF BUSES

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Board of Directors be authorized to issue notes not to exceed a period of three years in the name of the Regional School Unit 5 for the purpose of purchasing school bus(es) in an amount not to exceed \$175,000 and appropriate the same?

ARTICLE 21 AUTHORIZES LEASE PURCHASE OF COPIERS/PRINTERS

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Board of Directors be authorized to issue notes not to exceed a period of three years in the name of the Regional School Unit 5 for the purpose of purchasing copiers/printers in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 and appropriate the same?

ARTICLE 22 AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER TO AND EXPENDITURES FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVES FUND

ARTICLE 22: Shall the Board of Directors be authorized to transfer up to \$1,270 from unexpended Capital Projects balances at the end of the 2015-2016 fiscal year to the District's Capital Reserve Fund for maintenance of plant and remodeling under the authority of 20-A MRSA §4001, and expend up to \$99,273 from said Capital Reserve Fund for those purposes?

**ARTICLE 23 AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER TO AND EXPENDITURES FROM
THE FUEL RESERVES FUND**

ARTICLE 23: Shall the Board of Directors be authorized to transfer \$ 100,000 from year end available fund balances at the end of the 2014-2015 fiscal year to the District's Fuel Cost Stabilization Fund for heating and transportation fuel costs under the authority of 20-A MRSA §15008, and expend up to \$ 100,000 from said Fuel Cost Stabilization Fund for those purposes?

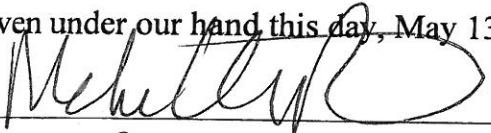




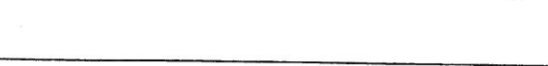
Statutory Disclosure Statement relating to Article 21: The fuel cost stabilization fund balance is currently \$0. If this article is approved as written, the Fuel Cost Stabilization Fund balance will be \$100,000. The amount used from the Fuel Cost Stabilization Fund in the last three years through the date of this article was prepared is as follows:

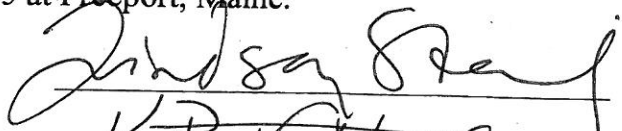
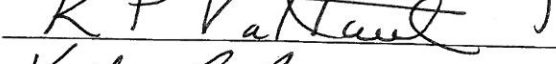



Fiscal Year 2012-2013: Zero

Fiscal Year 2013-2014: \$ 61,000

Fiscal Year 2014-2015: \$ 75,013

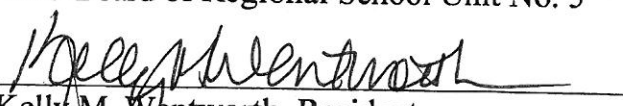
Given under our hand this day, May 13, 2015 at Freeport, Maine.

A majority of the Regional School Unit Board of Regional School Unit No. 5

A true copy of the Warrant, attest:


Kelly M. Wentworth, Resident
Regional School Unit No. 5

RETURN

Androscoggin County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: The Regional School Unit Board of Regional School Unit No. 5
_____, 2015

I certify that I have notified the voters of Regional School Unit No. 5 (the "Regional School Unit") of the time and place of the Regional School Unit No. 5 budget meeting by posting an attested copy of the within warrant as follows:

	TIME (S)	DATE (S)	LOCATION (S)
Town of Durham			Durham Get and Go Durham Town Hall Durham Community School
Town of Freeport			
Town of Pownal			

being at least seven days prior to the Regional School Unit budget meeting and being public and conspicuous places in each of said municipalities.

Dated: _____, 2015

Kim M. Best, Resident of
Regional School Unit No. 5

RETURN

Cumberland County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: The Regional School Unit Board of Regional School Unit No. 5
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Town of Durham			
Town of Freeport			Freeport Town Hall Freeport Public Library No. Freeport Store Bow Street Market So. Freeport Post Office
Town of Pownal			Pownal Town Hall Short Stop Store Pownal Post Office

being at least seven days prior to the Regional School Unit budget meeting and being public and conspicuous places in each of said municipalities.

Dated: _____, 2015

 Kim M. Best, Resident of
 Regional School Unit No. 5