

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

TO: Donelle, Nielsen, 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 6:00 p.m. on July 21, 2009 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 \$ 1,809,402.00

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

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$1,167,495.00

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

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$2,693,550.00

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 \$285,540.00

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

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$280,102.00

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

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$ 9,776,787.00

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

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$513,329.00

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

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$629,276.00

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

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$1,132,948.00

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 \$1,361,899.00

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

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$3,041,636.00

**ARTICLES 12 THROUGH 14 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: \$ 5,780,164.37	Town of Durham: \$2,116,751.00
Town of Freeport: \$10,635,158.42	Town of Freeport: \$9,653,098.00
Town of Pownal: \$ 1,780,116.59	Town of Pownal: \$1,206,479.00
Regional School Unit Total	Regional School Unit
Appropriated	Total Raised:
(Sum of above) \$18,195,439.38	(Sum of above) \$12,976,328.00

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: 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, non-state-funded portions of

school construction projects and minor capital 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 \$960,850.00

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 and minor capital renovation 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: (Written ballot required). To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$3,978,771.00**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$3,556,758.00**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the Regional School Unit Board.

The Regional School Unit Board recommends \$3,978,771.00 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$3,556,758.00: **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 15 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 15: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will authorize the Regional School Unit Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010 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 \$22,691,964.00

ARTICLE 16 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

ARTICLE 16: In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the Regional School Unit Board be authorized to expend federal stabilization funds and such other 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?

Note: It is currently estimated that the Regional School Unit Board will receive \$620,207.00 in federal stabilization funds, which are included in the expenditures authorized by this article.

ARTICLE 17 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE

ARTICLE 17: To see if Regional School Unit No. 5 will appropriate **\$142,121.00** 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 18 AUTHORIZES THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL REGION BUDGET

ARTICLE 18: Shall the regional career and technical education operating budget as approved by the cooperative board for the year beginning July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 be approved in the amount of **\$1,781,284.00**?