

**TOWN OF BLUE HILL SCHOOL BUDGET
REMOTE PUBLIC HEARING GUIDE 2021-2022**

PUBLIC HEARING PART 1: PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET FOR FY 2021-2022

The School Committee of the Town has proposed a school operating budget for fiscal year 2021-2022. Pursuant to Order of the Governor, the town meeting where the school budget articles are presented has been replaced by a remote public hearing. The budget recommended by the School Committee consists of the following articles I through XII. Together, these articles constitute the proposed school operating budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 to be presented to the voters as **Article 14** at a Town referendum scheduled for April 20, 2021.

EXPENDITURES FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL BUDGET

Proposed Expenditures by Cost Center: Articles I through IX

I.	System Administration	\$193,869.06
II.	Student Transportation	\$313,801.31
III.	Regular Instruction	\$3,632,401.44
IV.	Student & Staff Support	\$223,215.76
V.	School Administration	\$317,569.33
VI.	Facilities Maintenance	\$484,100.03
VII.	Special Education	\$828,122.89
VIII.	Other Instruction	\$42,553.54
IX.	All Other Expenditures	\$0.00

STATE SUBSIDY AND LOCAL TAX REVENUES FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL BUDGET

Article X: The School Committee recommends that the Town appropriate **\$4,495,890.93** for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and raise **\$4,087,398.36** as the Town'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.

State Mandated Explanation: The Town'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 Town must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

OTHER LOCAL TAX REVENUES FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL BUDGET

Article XI: The School Committee recommends that the Town raise and appropriate **\$1,441,829.24** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$1,441,829.24** as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee.

The School Committee gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$1,441,829.24**: the additional local funds are required in order to maintain current educational programs and offerings.

State Mandated Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town'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 Town budget for educational programs.

SUMMARY OF TOTAL 2021-2022 SCHOOL BUDGET

Article XII: The School Committee recommends that the Town authorize the School Committee to expend **\$6,035,633.36** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 from the Town'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.

The above Articles I through XII will appear as Article 14 on the ballot as set forth below.

PUBLIC HEARING PART 2: REFERENDUM ARTICLES

The following school budget articles will be submitted to referendum on April 20, 2021:

ARTICLE 12-State/Federal Funding. Shall the town authorize the School Committee to expend state and federal funds and other receipts to operate the schools for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022?

ARTICLE 13-Carryforward of School Funds. Shall the town authorize the School Committee to carry forward any surplus verified by the audit from the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget to be used to reduce the tax commitment for the 2021-2022 budget?

ARTICLE 14-School Budget. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of **\$6,035,633.36** and raise the sum of **\$5,529,227.60** for the 2021-2022 school budget?

School Committee Recommends a "Yes" Vote.

Budget Committee Recommends a "Yes" Vote.

VOTER INFORMATION FOR ARTICLE 14

The Town's school budget submitted in this Article 14 totals \$6,035,633.36. It includes locally raised funds in the amount of \$5,529,227.60. The locally raised amount exceeds the state's Essential Programs and Services spending model by \$1,441,829.24. This budget includes these expenditure category cost centers:

Expenditures	Proposed Amounts
System Administration	\$ 193,869.06
Student Transportation	\$ 313,801.31
Regular Instruction	\$ 3,632,401.44
Student & Staff Support	\$ 223,215.76
School Administration	\$ 317,569.33
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 484,100.03
Special Education	\$ 828,122.89
Other Instruction	\$ 42,553.54
All Other Expenditures	\$ 0.00*
Total	\$ 6,035,633.36*
* Food service is considered separately per recommendation of Maine Dept. of Education; see Article 15 below.	

ARTICLE 15. Food Service Program. Shall the town expend **\$182,157.57** for the food service program and raise and appropriate **\$65,700.26** as the local share for the July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 fiscal year; with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well being of the food service program?

School Committee Recommends a "Yes" Vote.

Budget Committee Recommends a "Yes" Vote.

ARTICLE 16-Capital Improvement Reserve Account. Shall the town raise the sum of **\$10,000** for the School Capital Improvement Reserve account?

School Committee Recommends a "Yes" Vote.

Budget Committee Recommends a "Yes" Vote.

ARTICLE 17-School Technology Reserve Account. Shall the town raise the sum of **\$5,000** for the School Technology Reserve account?

School Committee Recommends a "Yes" Vote.

Budget Committee Recommends a "Yes" Vote.

ARTICLE 18 -Playground Reserve Account. Shall the town raise the sum of **\$45,000** for the new Consolidated School Playground Reserve Account?

School Committee Recommends a "Yes" Vote.

Budget Committee Recommends a "Yes" Vote.
