

HOLLIS/BROOKLINE COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WARRANT  
The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Hollis/Brookline Cooperative School District in the Towns of Hollis and Brookline in the County of Hillsborough, State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in District Affairs.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE HOLLIS BROOKLINE HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM IN SAID DISTRICT ON THE **EIGHTH DAY OF MARCH, 2023** AT SIX THIRTY IN THE EVENING TO ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS.

**Article 1.** To see if the School District will vote to authorize the School Board to enter into a 10-year lease purchase agreement for **\$3,076,806** to finance the acquisition and installation of energy efficient LED lighting and propane boilers with associated costs for oil tank removal for both the Hollis Brookline High School and Middle School; and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$364,000** (10yrs & 3.8%) or **\$291,272** (15yrs & 5%) for payments due under the lease purchase agreement during the 2023-2024 fiscal year. This lease purchase agreement will contain an escape (non-appropriation) clause. (Majority vote required.) **The school board recommends the appropriation 0-0-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation 0-0-0.**

**Article 2.** To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items for the third year of a four-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School Board and the Hollis Education Support Staff Association for the 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years, which calls for the following increases in support staff salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2023-24	\$162,006

and further to raise and appropriate a sum of **\$162,006** for the third fiscal year (2023-24 school year), such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in support staff salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. **The school board recommends this appropriation 0-0-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation 0-0-0.**

**Article 3.** To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of **\$26,499,039** for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district. This appropriation does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. **The school board recommends this appropriation 0-0-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation 0-0-0.**

**Article 4.** Shall the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,140,822** as the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District's portion of the SAU budget of **\$2,264,374** for the forthcoming fiscal year? This year's adjusted budget of **\$2,247,208** with **\$1,132,174** assigned to the school budget of this school district will be adopted if the article does not receive a majority vote of all the school district voters voting in this school administrative unit. **The school board recommends this appropriation 0-0-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation 0-0-0.**

**Article 5.** To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of **\$300,000** to be added to the previously established School Building and Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. The sum to come from the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District's June 30, 2023 unassigned fund balance, available on July 1, 2023. **The school board recommends this appropriation 0-0-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation 0-0-0.**

**Article 6.** To see if the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of **\$25,000** to come from the June 30, 2023 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2023 to be added to the previously established Special Education Expendable Trust Fund. No amount to be raised from taxation. **The school board recommends this appropriation 0-0-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation 0-0-0.**

**Article 7.** To see if the school district will vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate up to **\$125,000** to go into the fund. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance available on July 1, 2023, and no amount to be raised from taxation. Any appropriation left at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. **The school board recommends this appropriation 0-0-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation 0-0-0.**

**Article 8.** Shall the school district vote to authorize, indefinitely until rescinded, to retain year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year, **2.5 percent** of the current fiscal year's net assessment in accordance with RSA 198:4:4-b, II. (Majority vote required). **The school board recommends this appropriation 0-0-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation 0-0-0.**

*(Please note: If this article fails, it does NOT revert back to the 1%, we would need a contingency article to request it to remain at 1% if Article 8 fails. Also, there is no requirement that a district have an article to approve the new wording of this law.....the Board can choose to do nothing.)*

**Article 9.** To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.