

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
FOR THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE
GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

MARCH 11, 2025

Michelle J. Capone
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
FROM EFFINGHAM**

Three Year Term Vote for not
more than One

NATHANAEL WILLIS WILLIAMS

(Write-in)

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
FROM OSSISPEE**

Three Year Term Vote for not
more than One

ROBERT J. BOWIE SR.

DANIELLE JEAN VAN DUSEN

(Write-in)

**SCHOOL BOARD
MODERATOR**

One Year Term Vote for not
more than One

KAITLIN PURDY MURPHY

(Write-in)

**SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBER-AT-LARGE**

Three Year Term Vote for not
more than One

BRODIE S. DESHAIES

(Write-in)

ARTICLES

ARTICLE II: Shall the Governor Wentworth Regional School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$67,427,393? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$66,574,504 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Governor Wentworth Regional School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. * **NOTE: This warrant article (operating budget) does not include appropriations requested in ANY of the other warrant articles. The School Board recommends this appropriation. 6-2-0 (Majority vote required)**

YES

NO

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE III: To see if the Governor Wentworth Regional School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Governor Wentworth Regional School Board and the Governor Wentworth Administrative Team which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2026	\$171,398
2027	\$76,146
2028	\$79,192
2029	\$82,360

YES

NO

and further to raise and appropriate \$171,398 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. **The School Board recommends this appropriation. 8-0-0 (Majority vote required)**

ARTICLE IV: Shall the Governor Wentworth Regional School District, if Article III is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article III cost items only? **The School Board recommends this appropriation. 8-0-0 (Majority vote required)**

YES

NO

ARTICLE V: To see if the Governor Wentworth Regional School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Governor Wentworth Regional School Board and the Governor Wentworth Support Staff Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2026	\$645,053
2027	\$375,660

YES

NO

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$645,053 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. **The School Board recommends this appropriation. 8-0-0 (Majority vote required)**

ARTICLE VI: Shall the Governor Wentworth Regional School District, if Article V is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article V cost items only? **(Majority vote required)**

YES

NO

ARTICLE VII: To see if the Governor Wentworth Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of One Hundred fifty-thousand dollars (\$150,000) to be added to the Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established to maintain and repair schools and furthermore to name the school board as agents to expend. This sum to come from the June 30, 2025 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2025. No amount to be raised from new taxation. **The School Board recommends this appropriation. 8-0-0 (Majority vote required)**

YES

NO

ARTICLE VIII: Shall the Governor Wentworth Regional School District raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty-thousand dollars (\$150,000) for repairs and improvements of buildings/grounds at the Kingswood Regional High School, Kingswood Regional Middle School, Lakes Region Technology Center, Kingswood Arts Center, Carpenter School, Crescent Lake School, Effingham Elementary School, New Durham School, Ossipee Central School, Tuftonboro Central School and the SAU 49/Transportation Facility? **The School Board recommends this appropriation. 8-0-0 (Majority vote required)**

YES

NO

ARTICLE IX: Shall the Governor Wentworth Regional School District raise and appropriate \$250,000 to provide funding for free meals to all students within the newly eligible income brackets. This vote would allow the increase of eligibility for free school meals for students within the district by aligning the income threshold with the following federal poverty level option: 300% of the federal poverty rate, significantly broadening eligibility and ensuring free school meals for students from households earning up to three times the federal poverty rate. This funding would support providing free meals to all students within the newly eligible income brackets, ensuring equitable access to nutrition for academic success and well-being. **The School Board recommends this appropriation. 8-0-0 (Majority vote required)**

YES

NO

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT