

STATE OF MAINE
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 71
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT BUDGET REFERENDUM
OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE CITY OF BELFAST

JULY 14, 2020

[Signature]
Chair of the School Board

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Vote "yes" or "no" by making a cross (X) or check mark (✓) in the square of your choice at the left of each question.

Yes No

Question 1: **School Budget.** Shall Regional School Unit No. 71 appropriate the sum of **\$28,268,293.67** and raise the sum of **\$10,092,756.66** for the 2020-2021 school budget?

School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.

VOTER INFORMATION FOR QUESTION 1:

The Regional School Unit No. 71 school budget submitted in this Question 1 totals \$28,268,293.67. It includes locally raised funds in the amount of \$10,092,756.66, to be assessed in shares to member municipalities in accordance with the RSU's cost sharing formula and state law. The locally raised amount exceeds the maximum state and local spending target by \$4,038,169.59. This budget includes these cost centers and amounts:

Cost Center	Amount Appropriated
Regular Instruction	\$ 9,160,906.25
Special Education	\$ 6,000,389.00
Career and Technical Education	\$ 11,234.00
Other Instruction	\$ 645,424.00
Student and Staff Support	\$ 2,781,779.00
System Administration	\$ 717,693.00
School Administration	\$ 1,672,029.00
Transportation and Buses	\$ 1,927,908.00
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 3,520,477.00
Debt Service and Other Commitments	\$ 1,830,454.42
All Other Expenditures	\$ 0.00
Summary of Total Authorized School Budget Expenditures:	\$ 28,268,293.67

Yes No

Question 2: **School Nutrition Program.** Shall Regional School Unit No. 71 be authorized to appropriate up to **\$98,825.73** from available fund balances to transfer to the school nutrition program, with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the school nutrition program?

School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.

VOTER INFORMATION FOR QUESTION 2:

Approval by the voters of Question 2 will not increase local assessments.

Yes No

Question 3:

Adult Education Program. Shall Regional School Unit No. 71 be authorized to appropriate **\$371,242.00** for adult education and raise **\$259,932.00** 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?

School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.

VOTER INFORMATION FOR QUESTION 3:

Approval by the voters of Question 3 will increase local assessments as follows:
Belfast: \$171,191.22; Belmont: \$14,504.20; Morrill: \$14,218.28; Searsmont: \$34,674.93; Swanville: \$25,343.37.

Yes No

Question 4:

CTE Region Budget. Shall the Region 7 Waldo County Technical Center operating budget as approved by the cooperative board for the year beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 be approved in the amount of **\$1,993,674.85**?

School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.

VOTER INFORMATION FOR QUESTION 4:

Approval by the voters of Question 4 will not increase local assessments.

Yes No

Question 5:

CTE Region Adult Education Budget. Shall the Region 7 Waldo County Technical Center approve a budget for adult education in the amount of **\$48,064.00** for the year beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and well-being of its adult education program?

School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.

VOTER INFORMATION FOR QUESTION 5:

Approval by the voters of Question 5 will not increase local assessments.

Yes No

Question 6:

Capital Improvement Fund. Shall the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 71 be authorized to (i) expend up to **\$500,000.00** from the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of repairing and upgrading pool control units, operational panels and related computers, and (ii) in the event the Governor orders a curtailment of state subsidy pursuant to Title 5, Section 1668 of the Maine Revised Statutes, transfer up to **\$750,000.00** from the existing Capital Reserve Fund to the undesignated fund account to help offset the curtailment?

School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.

VOTER INFORMATION FOR QUESTION 6:

Approval by the voters of Question 6 will not increase local assessments.