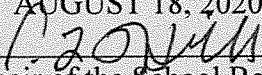


STATE OF MAINE
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 71
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT BUDGET REFERENDUM
OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE CITY OF BELFAST

AUGUST 18, 2020


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

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Question 1:

School Budget. Shall Regional School Unit No. 71 appropriate the sum of **\$28,268,293.67** and raise the sum of **\$15,508,779.71** 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 \$15,508,779.71, 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

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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**?

CTE Cooperative 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?

CTE Cooperative 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.

Voters Are Reminded to Mark Both Sides of this Ballot

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