

**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
JOHN STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT
WEARE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 11, 2025**

Kathryn McCre
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

1 Henniker Resident
1 Weare Resident

3 year term

Vote for not
more than TWO

JILL DAGENAIS (WEARE) ●

ZACHARY S. LAWSON (HENNIKER) ●

(Write-in) ○

(Write-in) ○

**SCHOOL DISTRICT
MODERATOR**

1 year term

Vote for not
more than ONE

(Write-in) ○

ARTICLES

Article 01: Shall the John Stark School District receive the reports of agents, auditors, committees and other officers chosen, as printed in the Annual Report? (Majority vote required.) YES ● NO ○

Article 02: Shall the John Stark School District set the salaries of the School Board and the compensation for any other officers of the District as printed in the 2025-2026 Budget, or take any other action in relation thereto? (THIS WARRANT ARTICLE IS SUPPORTED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD.) (The 2025-2026 amount is included in Warrant Article 3, the operating budget.) (Majority vote required.) YES ● NO ○

Article 03: Shall the John Stark 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 \$15,515,737 (Fifteen Million Five Hundred Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Seven Dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$15,481,148 (Fifteen Million Four Hundred Eighty-One Thousand One Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the 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. (THIS WARRANT ARTICLE IS SUPPORTED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD.) (Majority vote required.) YES ● NO ○

Article 04: Shall the John Stark School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the John Stark School Board and the John Stark Teachers' Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year:

Year	Estimated Increase
2025-2026	\$342,266 (Three Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars)
2026-2027	\$335,041 (Three Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Forty-One Dollars)

and further raise and appropriate the sum of \$342,266 (Three Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars) for the school year 2025-2026, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels? (THIS WARRANT ARTICLE IS SUPPORTED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD.) (This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 3, the operating budget.) (Majority vote required.) YES ● NO ○

Article 05: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5 V-b, requiring that the annual budget and all special warrant articles having a tax impact, as determined by the school board, shall contain a notation stating the estimated tax impact of the article? The determination of the estimated tax impact shall be subject to approval by the governing body. (SUBMITTED BY PETITION) (RECOMMENDED BY SCHOOL BOARD – VOTE: 4-0-0) YES ● NO ○



Priority