


**ABSENTEE  
OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION  
WEARE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 11, 2025**



  
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.

<b>SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER</b>	 <b>SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR</b>
Vote for not more than one 3 year term	Vote for not more than one 1 year term	Vote for not more than one 3 year term
ALYSSA SMALL <input checked="" type="radio"/>	KATIE LIPP <input type="radio"/>	<b>Daniel Wandell</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> (Write-in)	LORRAINE WESTFAHL <input checked="" type="radio"/>	(Write-in)
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**ARTICLES**

<b>Article 01:</b> Shall the Weare School District receive the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers chosen, as printed in the Annual Report? (Majority vote required.)	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>						
<b>Article 02:</b> Shall the Weare 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 <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>						
 <b>Priority</b> <b>Article 03:</b> Shall the Weare 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 \$20,449,303 (Twenty Million Four Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Three Dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$20,469,757 (Twenty Million Four Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Seven 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 <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>						
<b>Article 04:</b> Shall the Weare School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Weare School Board and the Weare Educational Support Staff which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year:  <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Year</th> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Estimated Increase</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2025-2026</td> <td>\$145,420 (One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Dollars)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2026-2027</td> <td>\$95,469 (Ninety-Five Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> and further raise and appropriate the sum of \$145,420 (One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Twenty 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.)	Year	Estimated Increase	2025-2026	\$145,420 (One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Dollars)	2026-2027	\$95,469 (Ninety-Five Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars)	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>
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<b>Article 05:</b> 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) (NOT RECOMMENDED BY SCHOOL BOARD – VOTE: 2-3-0)	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>						
 <b>Priority</b> <b>Article 06:</b> Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-e, and implement a budget cap whereby the school board (or budget committee) shall not submit a recommended budget that is higher than 24,767 dollars per pupil cost times the average daily membership in residence of the school district as of October 1 of the year immediately preceding the proposed budget year plus an annual increase for inflation using CPI-U for the Boston-Cambridge-Newton MA-NH area published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics as of January 1? (SUBMITTED BY PETITION) (NOT RECOMMENDED BY SCHOOL BOARD – VOTE: 1-4-0) (Requires a 3/5ths majority of the school district.)	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>						

**VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT**

**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**Article 07: Property Taxes for Private Education: A Call for Responsible Use**

Whereas, taxpayers have a right to know how their money is spent and deserve clear, verifiable evidence that it is being spent wisely and delivering results; and

Whereas, taxpayer dollars are being diverted from public schools to private and religious education through Education Freedom Accounts (vouchers), and this shift does not reduce public school expenses, leaving local taxpayers to cover the difference through higher property taxes; and

Whereas, unlike public schools, private education funded by taxpayers through vouchers lacks key accountability measures, such as reporting how funds are used, tracking student performance, ensuring services for students with disabilities, and conducting background checks for staff;

Therefore, we, the voters of Weare, New Hampshire, call on our state elected officials to uphold their duty to fiscal responsibility by rejecting any expansion of taxpayer funding for private education until we have full accountability, transparency, and a sustainable funding plan that ensures no further strain on public schools or local property taxpayers.

We further direct the Weare School Board to deliver this warrant article and results in writing to New Hampshire's Governor and members of the State Legislature within thirty days of this vote.  
(SUBMITTED BY PETITION) (RECOMMENDED BY SCHOOL BOARD - VOTE: 5-0-0)

YES

NO

REPUBLICAN SAMPLE BALLOT

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