



ABSENTEE  
OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION  
DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 10, 2020

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*Julie A. O'Brien*  
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.

MODERATOR

Vote for not  
One Year Term more than One (1)

ERIK E. GROSS

☐☐

(Write-in)

TREASURER

Vote for not  
One Year Term more than One (1)

JUDITH LYNN MARSHALL

☐☐

(Write-in)

SCHOOL BOARD  
MEMBERS

Vote for not  
Three Year Term more than Two (2)

LEILA THOMPSON

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KEVIN VERVILLE

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JEFF KELLEY

☐

ANDY RIORDAN

☐

(Write-in)

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(Write-in)

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SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CLERK

Vote for not  
One Year Term more than One (1)

JULIE A. O'BRIEN

☐☐

(Write-in)

ARTICLES

1. Shall the Deerfield 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 **\$14,389,584**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$14,162,505** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Deerfield 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.

YES ☐

NO ☐

*School Board Recommends Approval [5-0-0]  
Budget Committee Recommends Approval [8-1-0]*

*If passed, the new estimated tax rate will be **\$20.12** [per thousand], which will result in a **\$2.20** increase over the previous year school tax rate.*

[Note: Warrant Article #1 (operating budget article) does not include separate Warrant Article #2]

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

2. Shall the Deerfield School District vote to approve the cost items set forth in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Deerfield School Board and the **Deerfield Para Educators Association** for the 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 fiscal years, which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

2020/21	\$37,821
2021/22	\$37,503
2022/23	\$34,497
2023/24	\$11,587

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and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,821 for the 2020/21 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?

YES ☐  
NO ☐

*School Board Recommends Approval [5-0-0]  
Budget Committee Recommends Approval [8-1-0]*

*[Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.06 per thousand]*

3. Shall the Deerfield School District, if Article #2 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article # 2 cost items only? (Majority vote)

YES ☐  
NO ☐

4. Shall the School District vote to establish a **Deerfield Community School Addition Capital Reserve Fund** under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of studying, designing, planning, and partially funding the construction, and furnishing of an addition to the Deerfield Community School, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$250,000** to be placed in this Fund, this sum to come from the June 30, 2020 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2020? Further to name the School Board as agents to expend from said fund. Majority vote required. **No amount to be raised from additional taxation.**

YES ☐  
NO ☐

*School Board Recommends Approval [5-0-0]  
Budget Committee Recommends Approval [8-1-0]*

5. Deerfield's contract with Concord High School is ending in 2024. As we plan for providing high-school education to our students in the future we would like to know the voters' opinions regarding high-school options. The Board intends to maintain a school of record, also known as a designated high school, going forward. Does the Deerfield School District support providing high-school options to Deerfield students in addition to the school of record, if there is no additional cost to the taxpayers? This article is a non-binding referendum, solely for the purpose of providing information to the School Board.

YES ☐  
NO ☐

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YES ☐  
NO ☐

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