

**NOTICE OF AMOUNTS ADOPTED AT TOWN MEETING FOR VOTERS AT
SPECIAL SCHOOL BUDGET TOWN MEETING**

TO: Darlene Starrett, Resident of the Town of Appleton, State of Maine

Pursuant to Sections 1486(2) and 2307 of Title 20-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended, this Notice is to be displayed at all polling places for the school budget validation referendum to be held on June 10, 2025, to assist the voters in voting on Article 3 of the Ballot regarding whether to ratify the 2025-2026 school budget approved at the May 7, 2025, Special School Budget Town Meeting.

Cost Center Summary Budget Category	Amount Recommended by School Committee	Amount Approved at the School Budget Town Meeting on May 7, 2025*
Regular Instruction	\$1,647,684.00	\$
Special Education	\$1,017,883.00	\$
Career and Technical Education	\$0.00	\$
Other instruction	\$35,050.00	\$
Student and staff support	\$392,487.00	\$
System administration	\$158,717.00	\$
School administration	\$215,561.00	\$
Transportation and Buses	\$167,000.00	\$
Operations and Maintenance	\$352,017.00	\$
Debt Service and Other Commitments	\$53,028.00	\$
All Other Expenditures	\$39,055.00	\$
Summary of Total Authorized General Fund Expenditures:	\$4,078,482.00	\$

AMOUNTS FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL BUDGET* Amounts to be completed by the Superintendent of Schools under authority of the School Committee

The amount approved for the 2025-2026 school budget at the special town meeting includes locally raised funds over and above the Town's maximum state and local spending target pursuant to 20-A M.R.S. § 15671-A, subsection 5.

A majority of the Town of Appleton School Committee

Completed and countersigned by:

Kate Clark, Superintendent of Schools

Dated: May 7, 2025

**TOWN OF APPLETON
SPECIAL SCHOOL BUDGET TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

Knox County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: Darlene Starrett, a resident of the Town of Appleton, County of Knox, State of Maine:
You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Appleton qualified to vote in Town affairs, of the Special School Budget Town Meeting described in this Warrant.

TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF APPLETON:

You are hereby notified that a Special School Budget Town Meeting will be held at Appleton Village School, 737 Union Road, in the Town of Appleton on May 7, 2025 at 6 PM for the purpose of determining the school budget articles set forth below.

ARTICLE 1A: To elect by written ballot a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLES 1 THROUGH 11 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST CENTER CATEGORIES

ARTICLE 1: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **\$1,647,684.00** for Regular Instruction?

School Committee Vote: 5-0 in favor

Budget Committee Vote: 4-0 in favor

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **1,017,883.00** for Special Education?

School Committee Vote: 5-0 in favor

Budget Committee Vote: 4-0 in favor

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **\$0.00** for Career and Technical Education?

School Committee Vote: 5-0 in favor

Budget Committee Vote: 4-0 in favor

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **\$35,050.00** for Other Instruction?

School Committee Vote: 5-0 in favor

Budget Committee Vote: 4-0 in favor

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **\$392,487.00** for Student and Staff Support?

School Committee Vote: 4 in favor, 1 opposed

Budget Committee Vote: 4 in favor

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **\$158,717.00** for System Administration?

School Committee Vote: 5-0 in favor
Budget Committee Vote: 4-0 in favor

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **\$215,561.00** for School Administration?

School Committee Vote: 5-0 in favor
Budget Committee Vote: 4-0 in favor

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **\$167,000.00** for Transportation and buses?

School Committee Vote: 5-0 in favor
Budget Committee Vote: 4-0 in favor

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **\$352,017.00** for Operations and Maintenance?

School Committee Vote: 5-0 in favor
Budget Committee Vote: 4-0 in favor

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **\$53,028.00** for Debt Service and Other Commitments?

School Committee Vote: 5-0 in favor
Budget Committee Vote: 4-0 in favor

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **\$39,055.00** for All Other Expenditures?

School Committee Vote: 5-0 in favor
Budget Committee Vote: 4-0 in favor

ARTICLES 12 THROUGH 14 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town of Appleton appropriate **\$2,364,972.08** for the total cost of funding public education from PreK to grade 8 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and shall the Town of Appleton raise **\$682,761.59** as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from PreK to grade 8 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688?

School Committee Recommends (5-0 in favor): Appropriating \$2,364,972.08 and Raising \$682,761.59.
Budget Committee Recommends: (4-0 in favor): Appropriating \$2,364,972.08 and Raising \$682,761.59.

Explanation: The Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from PreK to grade 8 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town of Appleton authorize the School Committee to transfer **\$100,000.00** from the Facilities Reserve Account to the Unallocated General Fund for the purpose of reducing taxes?

Explanation: The Facilities Reserve Account currently has \$200,300.00 set aside for maintenance and repairs to the school. The building and grounds are well maintained, there are no expected large projects on the horizon. This action will keep the impact of the taxpayers for this year's school budget to a 3.74% increase.

School Committee recommends a yes vote

Budget Committee recommends a yes vote

ARTICLE 14: (Written ballot required) Shall the Town of Appleton raise and appropriate **\$1,492,289.92**, in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$1,453,234.92**.

School Committee Recommends: (4 in favor, 1 opposed): Raising and appropriating \$1,492,289.92 in Additional Local Funds, which exceeds EPS by \$1,453,234.92.

Budget Committee Recommends: (4-0 in favor) Raising and appropriating \$1,492,289.92 in Additional Local Funds, which exceeds EPS by \$1,453,234.92.

The School Committee gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$1,453,234.92**. The essential programs and services funding model does not recognize all educational costs, such as Special Education, extra-curricular and co-curricular costs.

Explanation: The amounts above are a reflection of the direct application of \$100,000.00 of capital reserve funds to reduce overall taxpayer impact.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from PreK to grade 8 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Town budget for educational programs.

ARTICLE 15 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town of Appleton authorize the school committee to expend **\$4,078,482.00** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from PreK to grade 8 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee Recommends a yes vote

Budget Committee Recommends a yes vote

ARTICLE 16 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

ARTICLE 16: In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the school committee be authorized to expend sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

*School Committee Recommends a yes vote
Budget Committee Recommends a yes vote*

ARTICLE 17 TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR DEBT SERVICE

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town of Appleton raise and appropriate **\$53,028.00** for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the Town voters for non-state funded school construction projects; or non-state-funded portions of school construction projects;—in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from PreK to grade eight?

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the Town's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the voters.

*School Committee Recommends a yes vote
Budget Committee Recommends a yes vote*

ARTICLE 18 AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER TO THE FACILITY RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town transfer up to **\$100,000.00** from the Appleton Village School's Unassigned Fund Balance as determined by FY24 audit, to the Appleton Village School's Facility Reserve Fund to be expended by a vote of the School Committee?

*School Committee Recommends a yes vote
Budget Committee Recommends a yes vote*

Given under our hand this day, April ___10___, 2025, at Appleton, Maine.

A majority of the municipal officers of the Town of Appleton

A true copy of the Warrant, attest:

Anita Wellman, Clerk, Town of Appleton