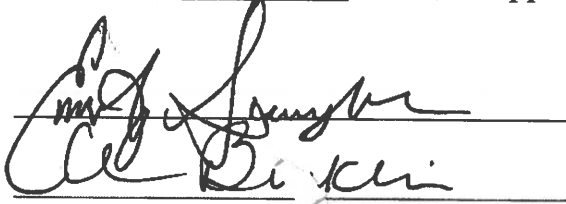


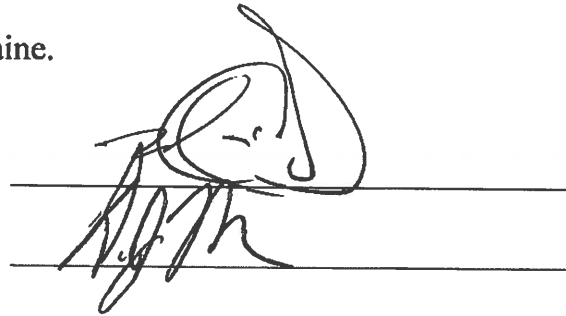
VOTE TO BE ADOPTED BY
APPLETON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

VOTED: That pursuant to 20-A M.R.S. §§ 1486(2) and 2307, the form of Notice of Amounts Adopted at Special School Budget Town Meeting be approved, and that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized and directed to complete said Notice in accordance with the town meeting at which the school budget for 2026-2027 is approved, and to cause said Notice, as completed, to be delivered to the Clerk for display at all polling places for the school budget validation referendum to be held following the school budget town meeting.

FURTHER VOTED: That an attested copy of this Vote be filed with the meeting minutes.

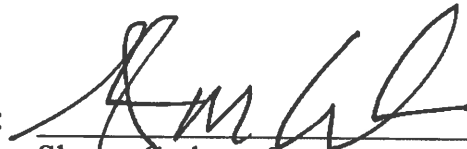
Dated: 15 APRIL, 2026, at Appleton, Maine.





A majority of the Town of Appleton School Committee

A true copy attest:



Shawn Carlson, Secretary
Appleton School Department

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

TO: Heather Wyman, 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 09, 2026, to assist the voters in voting on whether to ratify the 2026-2027 school budget approved at the May 07, 2026, Special School Budget Town Meeting.

AMOUNTS FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL BUDGET

Cost Center Summary Budget Category	Amount Recommended by School Committee	Amount Approved at the School Budget Town Meeting on May 7, 2026*
Regular Instruction	\$1,649,895	\$
Special Education	\$1,050,256	\$
Career and Technical Education	\$0.00	\$
Other instruction	\$43,059	\$
Student and staff support	\$442,813	\$
System administration	\$176,626	\$
School administration	\$222,698	\$
Transportation and Buses	\$186,780	\$
Facilities Maintenance	\$361,147	\$
Debt Service and Other Commitments	\$52,069	\$
All Other Expenditures	\$39,055	\$
Summary of Total Authorized General Fund Expenditures:	\$4,224,398	\$

* Amounts to be completed by the Superintendent of Schools under authority of the School Committee

The amount approved for the 2026-2027 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:

Shawn Carlson, Superintendent of Schools

Dated: _____, 2026

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

Knox County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: Heather Wyman, 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, 2026 at 7:00PM 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 **\$1,649,895** for Regular Instruction?

*School Committee recommends \$1,649,895 Vote 4-0
Budget Committee Vote: \$1,649,895 Vote 3-0*

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **\$1,050,256** for Special Education?

*School Committee recommends \$1,050,256 Vote 4-0
Budget Committee Vote: \$1,050,256 Vote 3-0*

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

*School Committee recommends \$0.00 Vote 4-0
Budget Committee Vote: \$0.00 Vote 3-0*

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **\$43,059** for Other Instruction?

*School Committee recommends \$43,059 Vote 4-0
Budget Committee Vote: \$43,059 Vote 3-0*

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **\$442,813** for Student and Staff Support?

School Committee recommends \$442,813 Vote 4-0
Budget Committee Vote: \$442,813 Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **\$176,626** for System Administration?

School Committee recommends \$176,626 Vote 4-0
Budget Committee Vote: \$176,626 Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **\$222,698** for School Administration?

School Committee recommends \$222,698 Vote 4-0
Budget Committee Vote: \$222,698 Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **\$186,780** for Transportation and Buses?

School Committee recommends \$186,780 Vote 4-0
Budget Committee Vote: \$186,780 Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **\$361,147** for Facilities Maintenance?

School Committee recommends \$361,147 Vote 4-0
Budget Committee Vote: \$361,147 Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **\$52,069** for Debt Service and Other Commitments?

School Committee recommends \$52,069 Vote 4-0
Budget Committee Vote: \$52,069 Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **\$39,055** for All Other Expenditures?

School Committee recommends \$39,055 Vote 4-0
Budget Committee Vote: \$39,055 Vote 3-0

**ARTICLES 12 AND 13 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE
PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town of Appleton appropriate **\$2,519,059** 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 **\$725,824** 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: Appropriating \$2,519,059 and Raising \$725,824 Vote 4-0

Budget Committee Recommends: Appropriating \$2,519,059 and Raising \$725,824 Vote 3-0

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: (Written ballot required) Shall the Town of Appleton raise and appropriate **\$1,583,339** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$1,544,284**?

School Committee Recommends: Raising and appropriating \$1,583,339 in Additional Local Funds, which exceeds EPS by \$1,544,284. Vote 4-0

Budget Committee Recommends: Raising and appropriating \$1,583,339 in Additional Local Funds, which exceeds EPS by \$ 1,544,284 . Vote 3-0

The School Committee gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$1,544,284**: The essential programs and services funding model does not recognize all educational costs, such as all Special Education costs, extra-curricular and co-curricular costs.

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 14 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town of Appleton authorize the school committee to expend **\$4,224,398** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, 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: \$4,224,398 Vote 4-0

Budget Committee Recommends: \$4,224,398 Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 15 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

ARTICLE 15: 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. Vote 4-0

Budget Committee Recommends a "Yes" vote. Vote 3-0

ARTICLES 16 AUTHORIZES TRANSFERS TO AND EXPENDITURES FROM THE FACILITIES RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to (i) transfer up to \$50,000 from available fund balances to the Facilities Reserve Fund; and (ii) expend from the Facilities Reserve Fund as needed at the discretion of the School Committee?

School Committee Recommends a "Yes" vote. Vote 4-0

Budget Committee Recommends a "Yes" vote. Vote 3-0


ARTICLE 17 ESTABLISHES A NEW RESERVE FUND AND AUTHORIZE TRANSFERS TO AND EXPENDITURES FROM THE RESERVE FUND

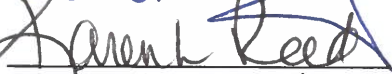
ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to (i) establish a Special Education Reserve Fund for special education costs that were not anticipated and budgeted for; (ii) transfer up to \$50,000 from available fund balances to the Special Education Reserve Fund; and (iii) expend from the Special Education Reserve Fund as needed at the discretion of the School Committee?


School Committee Recommends a "Yes" vote. Vote 4-0


Budget Committee Recommends a "Yes" vote. Vote 3-0

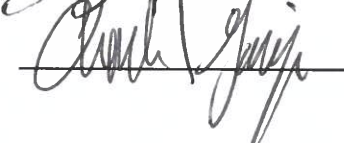
Given under our hand this day, April 2026, at Appleton, Maine.





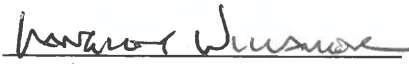






A majority of the municipal officers of the Town of Appleton

A true copy of the Warrant, attest:



Langley Willauer, Clerk
Town of Appleton