REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 14 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2020-2021 BUDGET AND MINOR CAPITAL BOND

TO: Michael Duffy, a resident of Regional School Unit No. 14 (the "Regional School Unit") composed of the Towns of Raymond and Windham, State of Maine.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify the voters of each of the municipalities within the Regional School Unit, namely, the Towns of Raymond and Windham, that a Regional School Unit Public Hearing will be held by remote participation at 6:30 p.m. on June 24, 2020 for the purpose of public participation in and receipt of public comment on the proposed 2020-2021 school budget and on the referendum questions set forth below. Pursuant to Title 1, section 403-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, the School Board has determined that the hearing will be conducted by remote means and may be accessed by the public as follows:

To access the remote public hearing or to participate (provide comment/input): Follow the instructions to access and participate in the public hearing as provided on the Regional School Unit No. 14 website at: www.rsu14.org

The following questions will be considered at a Regional School Unit No. 14 Budget and Minor Capital Bond Referendum election to be held on July 14, 2020.

Question 1: Shall Maine *Regional School Unit No. 14* appropriate the sum of \$50,782,997.88 and raise the sum of \$33,590,117.89 for the 2020-2021 school budget? School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.

VOTER INFORMATION FOR QUESTION 1

The **Regional School Unit No. 14** school budget submitted in this Question 1 totals **\$50,782,997.88**. It includes locally raised funds in the amount of **\$33,590,117.89**, to be assessed in shares to member municipalities in accordance with the District's cost sharing formula and state law. The locally raised amount exceeds the maximum state and local spending target by **\$10,206,865.87**.

This budget includes these cost centers and amounts:

Cost Center	Amount Appropriated
Regular Instruction	\$20,035,023.97
Special Education	\$9,417,759.71
Career & Technical Education	\$0.00
Other Instruction	\$1,029,340.49
Student and Staff Support	\$4,424,838.77
System Administration	\$1,453,048.90
School Administration	\$2,876,199.41
Transportation & Buses	\$3,066,188.34
Facilities Maintenance	\$6,139,398.29
Debt Service & Other Commitments	\$1,961,200.00
All Other Expenditures	\$380,000.00
Summary of Total Authorized School Budget	
Expenditures	\$50,782,997.88

Question 2: District Adult Ed Program. Shall the District be authorized to appropriate \$626,443.67 for adult education and raise \$295,086.51 as the local share, with authorization to

expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program?

School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.

Question 3: Shall the Regional School Unit Board be authorized to transfer **\$400,000** from unexpended balances at the end of the 2020-21 fiscal year to the School Capital Reserve Fund and to expend **\$400,000** from the reserve fund for the following purposes(s) in addition to amounts the voters have previously authorized to be expended from the School Capital Reserve Fund for this or other projects?

School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.

VOTER INFORMATION FOR QUESTION 3

1. Raymond Elementary School		\$40,000
Interior Lighting to LED	Subtotal	\$40,000
2. Windham High School/Windham Primary School/Manchester Elementary School		\$150,000
Interior Lighting to LED	Subtotal	\$150,000
3. Windham Primary School		\$50,000
Gym Floor and Walls	Subtotal	\$50,000
4. District Wide		\$25,000
Network Infrastructure	Subtotal	\$25,000
5. District Wide		\$135,000
Treatment Plan Upgrade	Subtotal	\$135,000
Total Funding Requested		\$400,000

Question 4: Do you favor authorizing the School Board of Regional School Unit No.14 (the "RSU") to issue bonds and other evidences of indebtedness in the name of the RSU in an amount not to exceed \$2,586,409 through the State of Maine's zero interest rate/loan forgiveness School Revolving Renovation Fund Program for Priority 1 Health, Safety and Compliance renovations at Raymond Elementary, Jordan Small, Windham Primary, Manchester Elementary, and Windham Middle schools (the "Project")?

VOTER INFORMATION FOR QUESTION 4

- A. <u>Zero Interest/Loan Forgiveness Program:</u> The Maine Department of Education has awarded the RSU a total approved loan of \$2,586,409 for the Project through the State's zero interest rate/loan forgiveness School Revolving Renovation Fund Program.
- B. <u>Loan Principal Forgiveness</u>: Under this loan program, the Maine Municipal Bond Bank will give the RSU loan forgiveness of 40.20% of the loan principal. The RSU's forgiven loan amount will be up to \$1,039,736. This includes up to \$628,523 of RSU loan forgiveness for Raymond schools and up to \$411,213 for Windham schools.
- C. <u>Interest Free Loan:</u> Under this loan program, the RSU will be obligated to repay only 59.80% (up to \$1,546,673) of the RSU's total approved loan amount. The loan interest rate will be zero percent (0.00 %). The RSU's total loan principal repayment obligation at 0.00% interest includes repayment of \$934,967 for Raymond schools' renovations and \$611,706 for Windham schools.

Dated as of this June, 2020.			
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A majority of the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 14			
A true copy of the Notice of Public Hearing, attest: Michael Duffy, Resident Regional School Unit No. 14			

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Cumberland County, ss.

State of Maine

To: The School Board of Regional School Unit No. 14

I certify that I have posted an attested copy of the within notice of Public Hearing in each of the municipalities within Regional School Unit No. 14 as follows:

Raymond Locations:

- Raymond Town Hall; Route 85; 6/11/2020; 2:19 PM; Given to Town Clerk Sue Look
- Good Life Market; Route 302 and Route 35; 6/11/2020; 2:26PM; Front Entryway
- Sunset Variety; Route 302; 6/11/2020; 2:33 PM; counter by coffee station
- Hilltop Variety; Route 302; 6/11/2020; 2:37 PM; left side of entryway
- Raymond Post Office; Route 302; 6/11/2020; 2:46 PM; on bulletin board in lobby

Windham Locations:

- Windham Town Hall; School Road; 6/11/2020; 2:00 PM; bulletin board by Town Clerk
- Windham Town Hall; School Road; 6/11/2020; 2:05 PM; bulletin board front lobby
- North Windham Post Office; Route 302; 6/11/2020; 2:54 PM; bulletin board front lobby
- Mr. Mike's Variety; River Road and Route 302; 6/11/2020; 3:01 PM; front counter
- Duck Pond Variety; River Road; 6/11/2020; 3:10 PM left side of doorway
- South Windham Post Office; Route 202; 6/11/2020; 3:46 PM; front lobby
- RSU #14 Central Office; School Road; 6/11/2020; 3:33 PM; front lobby table
- Corsetti's Market; Route 202; 6/11/2020; 3:52 PM; right side of entryway

Being at least seven days prior to the Regional School Unit Budget and Minor Capital Bond Referendum and being public and conspicuous places in each of said communities.

Dated: June 11, 2020

Michael T. Duffy,

Resident of Regional School Unit No. 14