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STATE OF MAINE  
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 14  
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT VALIDATION REFERENDUM  
OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE TOWN OF RAYMOND  
JULY 14, 2020

*Lois Blannings*  
Chair of the School Board

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- ◆ Vote YES or NO by filling in the oval ● of your choice at the left of each article.
- ◆ To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.
- ◆ If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

- YES  
 NO

**Question 1:** Shall *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

- YES  
 NO

**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.**

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- YES
- NO

**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**

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

- YES
- NO

**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. **Zero Interest/Loan Forgiveness Program:** 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. **Loan Principal Forgiveness:** 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. **Interest Free Loan:** 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.

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