

**Souhegan Cooperative School District  
Annual Meeting Warrant  
February 3, 2020 and March 10, 2020  
Amherst and Mont Vernon, New Hampshire**

To the inhabitants of the Souhegan Cooperative School District, consisting of the towns of Amherst and Mont Vernon, in the County of Hillsborough, and State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified of the following Annual School District Meeting schedule:

**First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative)**

You are hereby notified to meet at the Souhegan High School in said District on the 3rd day of February 2020 at 7:00 p.m. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles 2 - 4. Warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended, (b) warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended, and (c) no warrant article shall be amended to eliminate the subject matter of the article.

**Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)**

You are hereby notified to meet on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 for official ballot voting on warrant articles numbered 1 through 4. The polls for official ballot voting will be open as follows:

- Voting for Amherst residents: Souhegan High School from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Voting for Mont Vernon residents: Village School from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Article 1. Election of Officers** (voting by official ballot March 10, 2020)

To the following school district offices:

- a. To choose two (2) school board members from Amherst for the ensuing three (3) years; and,
- b. To choose one (1) school board member from Mont Vernon for the ensuing three (3) years.

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**Article 2.** Shall the Souhegan Cooperative 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 eighteen million, three hundred and seventy-seven thousand, four hundred and seven dollars (\$18,377,407)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be eighteen million, three hundred and seventy-one thousand, six hundred and fifty-one dollars (\$18,371,651), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Souhegan Cooperative 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? Majority vote required.

Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School Board (6-0)  
Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School District Advisory Finance Committee (6-0-1)

Estimated tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.58 per thousand for Amherst and \$0.00 per thousand for Mont Vernon.

Estimated tax impact of not passing this article is: \$0.58 per thousand for Amherst and \$0.00 per thousand for Mont Vernon.

\*NOTE: Warrant Article 2 (operating budget) does not include appropriations proposed in any other warrant articles.

**Article 3.**

Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District vote to approve the costs included in the agreement between the Souhegan Cooperative School Board and the professional and support staff of Souhegan Cooperative High School which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2020-2021	\$299,102
2021-2022	\$298,994
2022-2023	\$298,133
2023-2024	\$298,656

and further to raise and appropriate the sum two hundred and ninety-nine thousand, one hundred and two dollars (\$299,102) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those that would be paid at current staffing levels?

Majority vote required

Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School Board (6-0)  
Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School District Advisory Finance Committee (6-0-1)

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Estimated tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.15 per thousand for Amherst and \$0.15 per thousand for Mont Vernon.

**Article 4.**

Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the School Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established in March 2005?

Majority vote required

Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School Board (6-0)

Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School District Advisory Finance Committee (7-0)

Estimated tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.05 per thousand for Amherst and \$0.05 per thousand for Mont Vernon.

Given under our hands as said Amherst, New Hampshire, on the 21st day of January 2020.

  
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Amy Facey

James Manning  
  
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Pim Grondstra  
  
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Laura Taylor

  
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George Torres

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David Chen

  
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Stephen Coughlan