

**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
SOUHEGAN COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 10, 2020**

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SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

FOR SCHOOL BOARD

For 3 years Vote for not more than Two

TONY LABRANCHE	<input type="radio"/>
CHRISTINE PETERS	<input type="radio"/>
AMY FACEY	<input type="radio"/>
STEPHANIE GRUND	<input type="radio"/>
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(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>
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ARTICLES

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 (7-0)

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

YES

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

NO

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.

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

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?

YES

NO

Majority vote required

Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School Board (7-0)

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

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

YES

NO

Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School Board (7-0)

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.

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