



SOUHEGAN COOPERATIVE SCHOOL
DISTRICT **FY27 Deliberative Session**
February 2, 2026



School District Moderator George Bower

Rules of Order



1. Smoking is prohibited on school property.
2. Every resident who wishes to vote must have checked in with the Supervisors of the Checklist outside the auditorium door, and have a <COLOR> dot visible on their clothing.
3. Each voter has a <COLOR> card. At the call for any votes required, please hold up your card and indicate your aye or nay vote, respectively.
4. **This meeting is subject to the state Right to Know/Public Meeting law and as such we are required to maintain a complete and accurate record of all actions of the meeting. To ensure the accuracy of the record, each speaker is required to begin any and all comments by stating their name and address. Each member of the meeting making a motion must begin by stating their name and address and each member seconding a motion must do the same. This procedure will enable the moderator and clerk to maintain an accurate record and for viewers of the live or recorded broadcast to follow the actions of the meeting.**
5. There are two microphones on the floor - no speaking from your seat, please. **Please remember to get close to the microphone and state your NAME & ADDRESS.** Either microphone may be used to discuss the article and/or to amend the articles, call the question, etc.
6. **All motions must be presented in writing to the Moderator and must include the name and address of the voter making the motion and the voter making the second.**
7. The moderator will not accept amendments to amendments. The meeting will vote on one amendment at a time. All amendments must be submitted in writing.
8. There will be a three minute time limit to state your opinion at the microphone.

Rules of Order (cont.)



9. The Moderator will recognize District employees who might not be residents to speak on matters of their expertise at the request of the Board. All other non-residents may only speak with the consent of the body.
10. No one may speak a second time until all who wish to speak a FIRST time have done so.
11. **Any Motion from the floor to call the question.....will be recognized ONLY after those at the microphone at the time of motion have had their turn to speak...or if they wish, of their own volition, to relinquish the right to speak.**
12. If there is a request for a vote by secret ballot, voters will proceed to the lobby. The voter will then present the Assistant Moderator on duty with the voter card given to them when they initially checked in. The Assistant Moderator will provide a ballot and mark the voter card to indicate that the voter has received a ballot. The voter will then vote and deposit the paper ballot in the voting box and return to their seat. This same procedure will be followed for each secret ballot vote taken during the evening.
13. At the close of discussion and voting for each warrant article, the moderator will put the warrant on the ballot and accept a motion to "Restrict Reconsideration of the WORDING of that article. This is for your protection. After you restrict reconsideration, the article cannot come up again, should someone request reconsideration at a later hour.
14. The moderator will ask the meeting to revisit "Where we are" insofar as finishing the agenda at 10:00pm and based on the will of the body, accept a motion to recess or continue until completion.



Principal's Address

Dana Curran



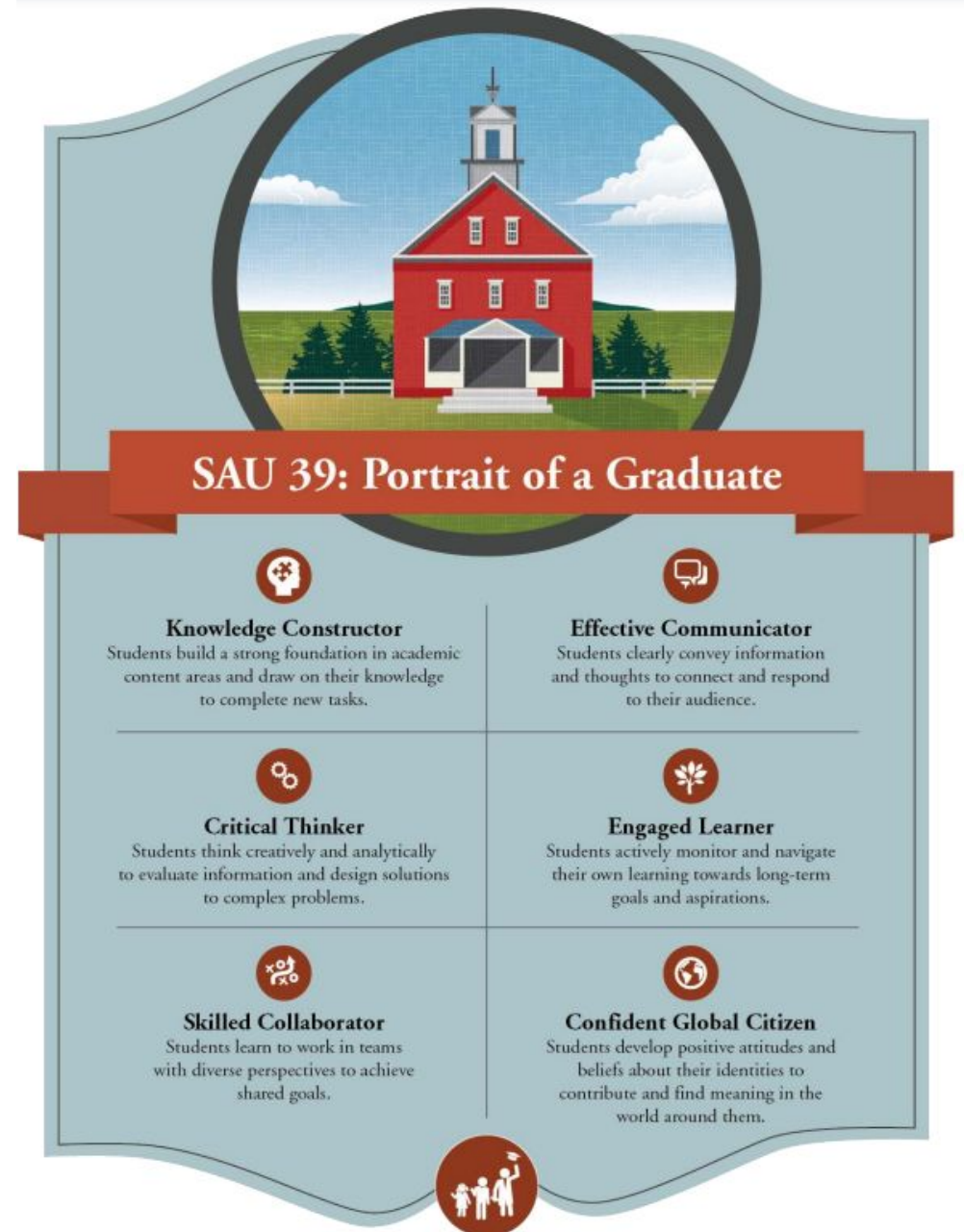
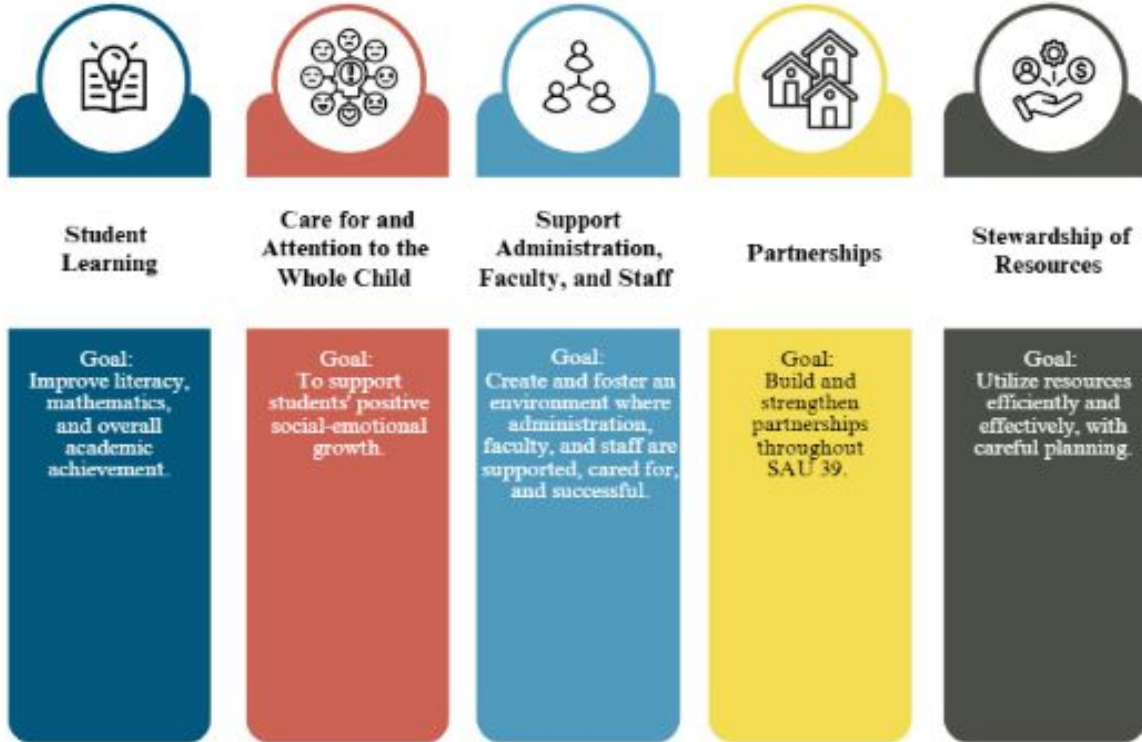
Souhegan High School aspires to be a community of learners born of respect, trust and courage.



We consciously commit ourselves:

- ▶ To support and engage an individual's unique gifts, passions, and intentions.
- ▶ To develop and empower the mind, body, and heart.
- ▶ To challenge and expand the comfortable limits of thought, tolerance, and performance.
- ▶ To inspire and honor the active stewardship of family, nation, and globe.

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School District Moderator George Bower

Election of Officers



Article 1. Election of Officers (voting by official ballot March 10, 2026)

To the following school district offices:

- a. To choose two (2) School Board Members from Amherst for the ensuing three (3) years
- b. To choose one (1) School Board Member from Mont Vernon for the ensuing three (3) years

Operating Budget



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 twenty two million five hundred ninety nine thousand two hundred fifty dollars (**\$22,599,250**)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be twenty two million five hundred twelve thousand five hundred ninety dollars (**\$22,512,590**), 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)

Estimated tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.47 per thousand for Amherst and -\$0.01 per thousand for Mont Vernon.

Estimated tax impact of not passing this article is: \$0.44 per thousand for Amherst and -\$0.04 per thousand for Mont Vernon.

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



Article 2-Operating Budget

**Souhegan Cooperative School Board
Stephanie Grund, Chair**

School Demographics: Student Population

	Grade 9			Grade 10			Grade 11			Grade 12		
	23-24	24-25	25-26	23-24	24-25	25-26	23-24	24-25	25-26	23-24	24-25	25-26
Amherst	144	140	154	151	139	135	145	157	137	131	147	157
Mont Vernon	33	32	34	27	32	31	28	24	31	31	26	24
(Tuitioned/other)	2	2	3	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	2
Total	178	174	191	179	172	168	173	182	169	163	173	183

10/1/2025 Student Enrollment: 709 – 25-26 enrollment is as of 1/12/2026 (711 Total)

	2022-2023		2023-2024		2024-2025		2025-2026	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Section 504	83	12%	101	12%	103	15%	120	17%
Special Education	117	17%	116	17%	111	16%	116	16%
Free & Reduced Lunch	51	7%	42	6%	43	6%	45	6%
English Language Learners	< 10	< 5%	< 10	< 5%	<10	<5%	<10	<5%



School Demographics: Staffing History

Department	Actual FTE FY22	Actual FTE FY23	Actual FTE FY24	Actual FTE FY25	Adopted FTE FY26	Projected FTE FY27
Math	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5
Humanities	19.5	19.5	19	19.5	19.5	19.5
Science	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5
Health/Wellness	3	3	3	3	3	3
Arts/Music	4	4	5	5	5	5
World Language	6	5	6	6	6	6
Business	1	1	2	2	2	2
Tech/Computer Sci	2	2	1	1	1	1
Librarian	1	1	1	1	1	1
Math Coach	1	0	0	0	0	0
Literacy Coach	1	0	0	0	0	0
ELO Coordinator/ Student Achievement	0.5	1	1	1	1	1
Total	60	57.5	59	59.5	59.5	59.5

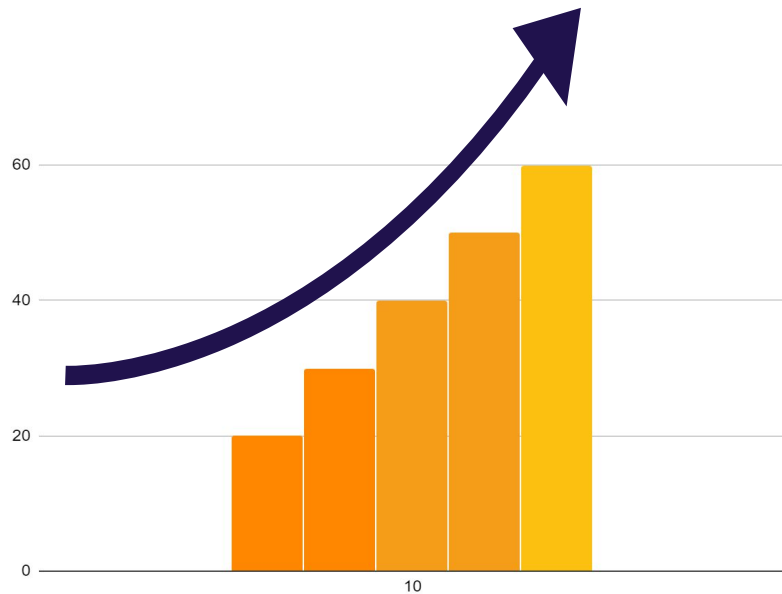


School Demographics: Staffing History

	Actual FTE FY22	Actual FTE FY23	Actual FTE FY24	Actual FTE FY25	Actual FTE FY26	Projected FTE FY27
Reading Interventionist	1	1	1	1	1	1
Reading Classroom Assistant	1	1	1	0	0	0
Special Education	11.5	10	10	11	11	11
Sp Ed Para	14	12	10	8	8	6
Para - ABA	9	13	12	11	11	14
Saber Flex Classroom Assistant	0	0	0	1	1	1
Learning Commons Para	0	1	1	1	1	1
Learning Commons Math Support	0	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5
BCBA	1	1	1	1	1	1
School Psychologist	1	1	1	1	1	1
Speech Path	1.5	2	2	1	1	1
Social Worker	1	1	1	1	1	1
Counseling (incl Director)	4.85	4.85	5	5	5	5
Library Assistant	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total	47.85	49.35	46.5	43.5	43.5	44.5



School Demographics: Student Engagement



12,337

Hours of community service completed by class of 2024

537

Students participating in 27 sports (24-25)

378

Students participating in clubs & activities (25-26)

43

Students participating in over 19 CTE programs (25-26)

284

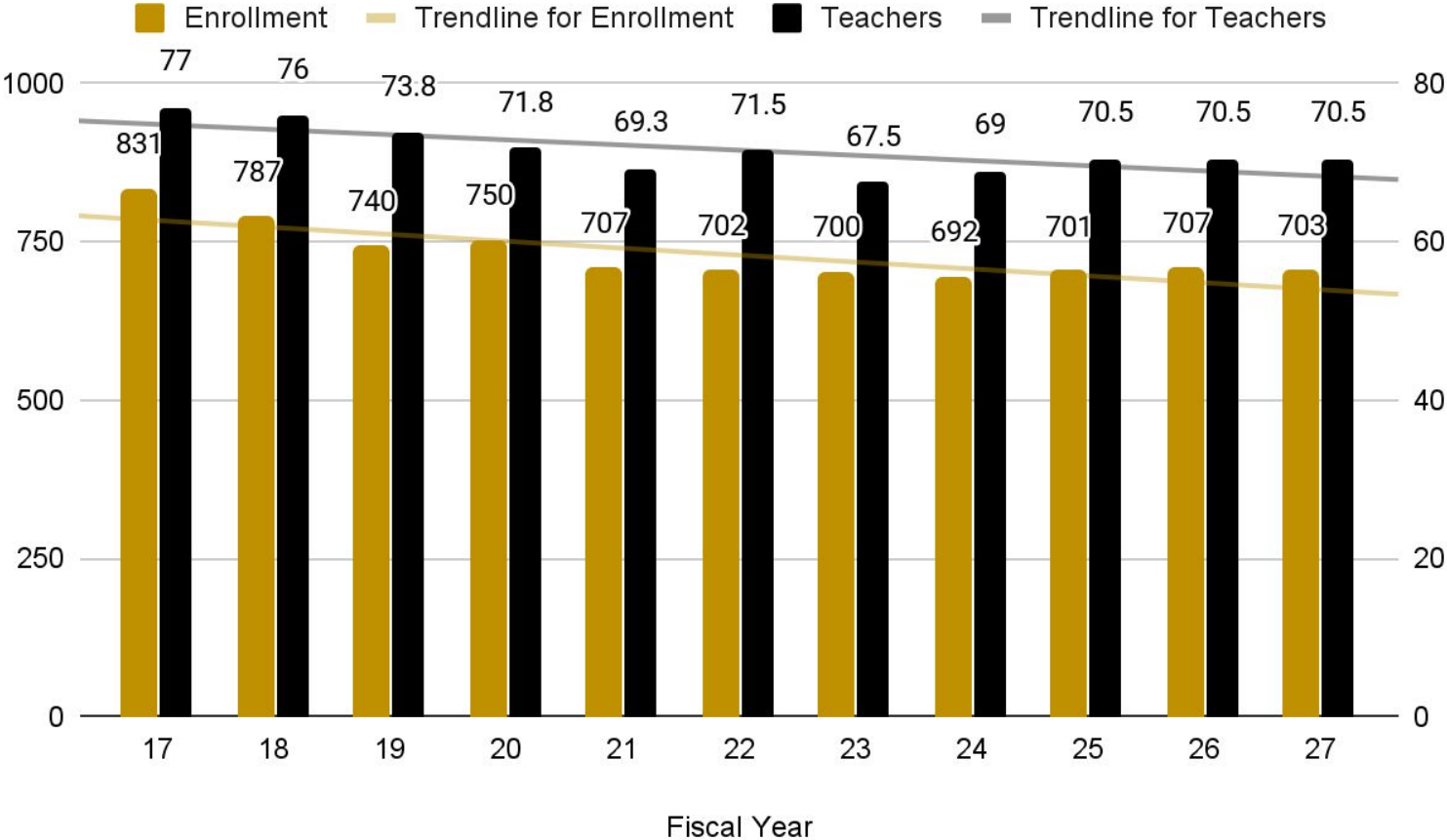
Enrollments in AP courses (25-26)

332

Enrollments in DE courses (25-26)



Enrollment



FY26 Enrollment based on 10/1/25 Actuals
FY27 Enrollment based on NESDEC projections completed in Fall FY26



Executive Summary

Budget Comparison*	\$ Change	% Change
FY26 Operating Budget-> FY27 Default	\$889,886	4.1%
FY27 Default -> FY27 Proposed	\$86,660	0.4%
FY26 Operating Budget-> FY27 Proposed Budget	\$976,546	4.5%

**Excludes Special Warrant Articles*



Budget Assumptions and Drivers

- ▶ Health and Dental Insurance Employer Contribution Rate
 - ▶ Access Blue 5 Plan (AB5) - 12.5%
 - ▶ Site of Service (SOS HRA): 15.9%
 - ▶ Lumenos HSA: 11.6%
 - ▶ Dental: 4.4%

- ▶ ****NH Retirement Employer Contribution Rate Status Quo for FY26-FY27**
 - ▶ 19.23% for Teachers
 - ▶ 12.75% for Non-Teachers

- ▶ Personnel Changes-based on student need
 - ▶ 3 Additional ABA Special Ed. Paraprofessionals
 - ▶ Reduction of 2 Special Ed. Paraprofessionals

- ▶ Non-Personnel Changes
 - ▶ New Transportation Contract

* FY27 Health and Dental Insurance set in October, 2025

** NHRS certified rates for FY26-FY27 set in July, 2024



Budget by SAFC Category (FY26 Operating-FY27 Proposed)

<u>Sub-Committee</u>	<u>FY26 Operating</u>	<u>FY27 Proposed</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Transportation	\$827,113	\$902,726	\$75,613	9.1%
Student Services	\$4,805,786	\$5,220,566	\$414,780	8.6%
Administration	\$3,303,690	\$3,528,201	\$224,511	6.8%
Facilities	\$1,723,119	\$1,802,854	\$79,735	4.6%
Curriculum	\$9,057,593	\$9,292,877	\$235,284	2.6%
Athletics	\$881,305	\$891,569	\$10,264	1.2%
Food Service	\$510,957	\$495,710	(\$15,247)	(3.0%)
Technology	\$513,141	\$464,747	(\$48,394)	(9.4%)
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$21,622,704</u>	<u>\$22,599,250</u>	<u>\$976,546</u>	<u>4.5%</u>

Does not include Warrant Articles



Category Highlights

Transportation (Increase of \$75,613, or 9.1%)

- New bus contract
- CTE transportation increase
- Special education transportation decrease

Student Services(Increase of \$414,780 or 8.6%)

- Health and dental
- Salaries
- NH Retirement System
- Out of district services
- Special Education Out of District Tuition decrease



Category Highlights

Administration (Increase of \$224,511 or 6.8%)

- Health and dental
- Non-PPC salary
- School Resource Officer
- NH Retirement System
- Software
- Graduate course reimb. decrease
- SAU Assessment

Facilities (Increase of \$79,735 or 4.6%)

- Health and dental
- Service contracts
- Supply costs
- Property & liability insurance
- Grounds maintenance
- Replacement equipment
- Salaries
- Services from other LEA's decrease
- Temporary employees decrease



Category Highlights

Curriculum (Increase of \$235,284 or 2.6%)

- Health and dental
- Salaries
- Other benefits
- Textbooks
- CTE Tuition
- Assessment costs
- Replacement equipment
- Software decrease
- Professional development decrease
- Books and training decrease
- Stipends decrease
- Library books decrease

Athletics (Increase of \$10,264 or 1.2%)

- Health and dental
- Salaries
- Other benefits
- Activity stipends
- Replacement equipment decrease
- Coaching stipends decrease
- Software decrease



Category Highlights

Food Service (Decrease of \$15,247 or 3.0%)

- Salaries
- Workers compensation
- Cleaning supplies
- Replacement equip. decrease
- Health and dental decrease

Technology (Decrease of \$48,394 or 9.4%)

- Health and dental
- Salaries
- Software
- Replacement technology decrease
- Replacement technology infrastructure decrease



Default Calculation

FY26 Adopted Budget (all articles)	\$22,082,704	%
Remove Special Warrant Articles	<u>(\$460,000)</u>	
	\$21,622,704	
Contractual Wages/Benefits (<i>incl. Student Services</i>)	\$773,337	3.6%
SAU Assessment	\$109,493	0.5%
Student Services incl. Transp. (<i>non-wage/benefits</i>)	\$25,346	0.1%
Food Service	(\$18,290)	(0.1%)
Total Change	\$889,886	4.1%
<u>FY27 Default Calculation</u>	\$22,512,590	

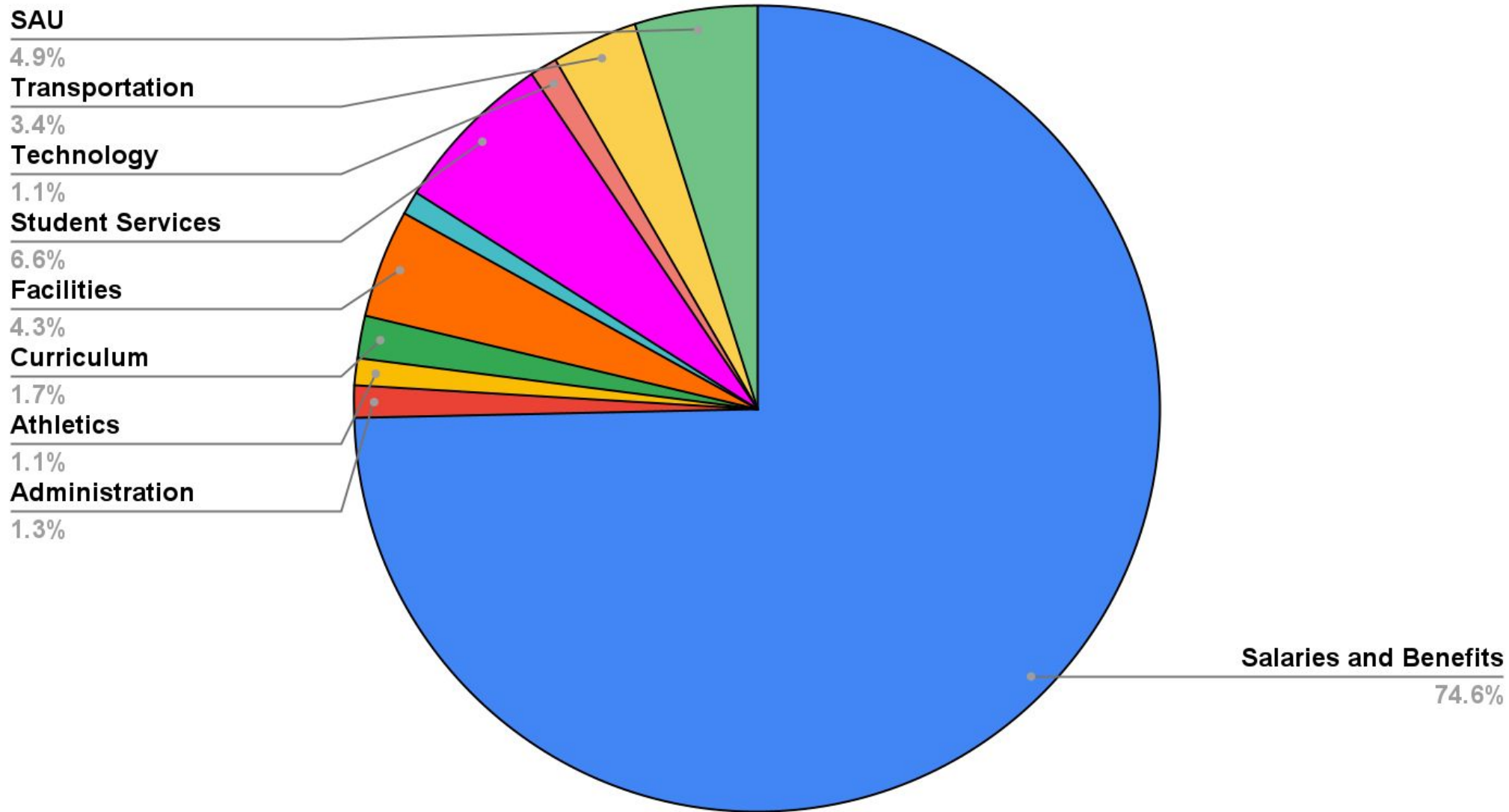


Proposed Budget Items at Risk

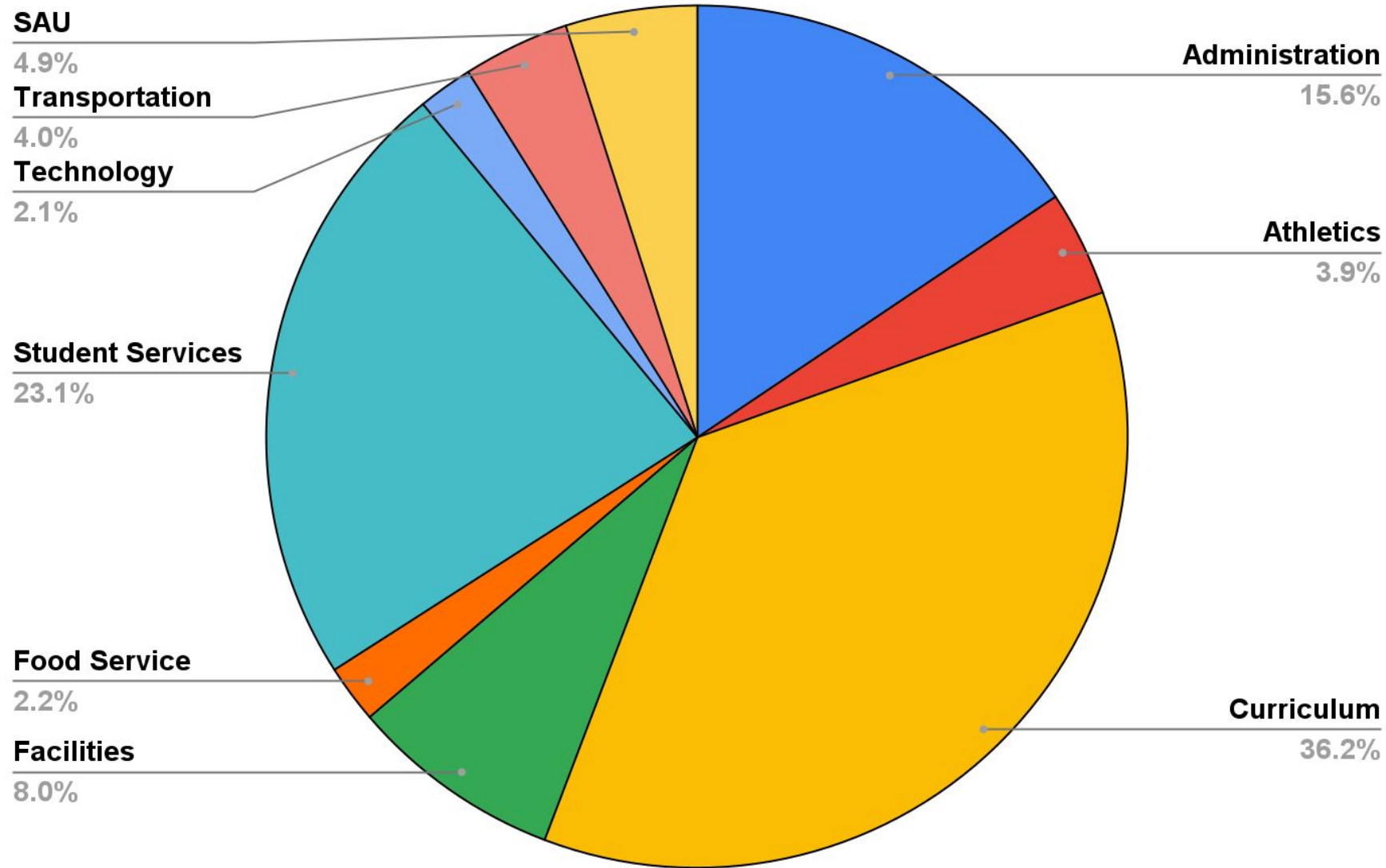


FY27 Default Calculation	\$22,512,590	%
Transportation	\$80,929	0.4%
Facilities	\$49,680	0.2%
Curriculum	\$38,939	0.2%
Administration	\$15,960	0.1%
Food Service	\$10,000	0.1%
Athletics	(\$16,696)	(0.1%)
Non Union Wages and Benefits	(\$34,406)	(0.2%)
Technology	(\$57,746)	(0.3%)
Total	\$86,660	0.4%
FY27 Proposed Budget	\$22,599,250	

Budget by SAFC Categories-Salaries and Benefits



Budget by SAFC Categories





Revenue Review

Projected Revenue

<u>Revenue Summary</u>			
<u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY26</u>	<u>FY27</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Food Service	\$495,957	\$470,710	(\$25,247)
Grants	\$249,500	\$249,500	\$0
Other Federal/State/Local	\$579,492	\$579,317	(\$175)
Voted from Fund Balance <i>(projected for FY27)</i>	\$460,000	\$495,000	\$35,000
Fund Balance to Offset Tax Rate <i>(projected for FY27)</i>	\$593,433	\$350,000	(\$243,433)
Total Revenues	\$2,378,382	\$2,144,527	(\$233,855)



Projected Tax Effort-Budget

	<u>FY26</u>	<u>FY27</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Appropriation	\$22,082,704	\$23,094,250	\$1,011,546
Less: Revenue	\$2,378,382	\$2,144,527	(\$233,855)
Less: Adequacy Aid & *SWEPT (Amherst)	\$2,812,381	\$2,844,620	\$32,239
Less: Adequacy Aid & *SWEPT (Mont Vernon)	\$604,753	\$676,868	\$72,115
Est. Tax Effort	\$16,287,188	\$17,428,235	\$1,141,047

*Statewide Property Tax



Projected Tax Impact-Budget



	<u>FY26</u>	<u>FY27</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Est. Tax Impact/\$1000</u>
Total Tax Effort	\$16,287,188	\$17,428,235	\$1,141,047	
Amherst	\$13,720,641	\$14,869,125	\$1,148,484	
Valuation	\$2,442,704,506			\$0.47
Mont Vernon	\$2,566,547	\$2,559,110	(\$7,437)	
Valuation	\$561,776,151			(\$0.01)



Article 2-Operating Budget

Souhegan Advisory Finance Committee

Jeanne Ludt, Chair



School District Moderator George Bower

Long Range Planning and Cost Review

Article 3.

Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (**\$50,000**) for the purpose of developing a long-range plan to ensure Souhegan High School remains educationally strong, student centered, fiscally responsible, and well-aligned with academic, technological, enrollment, facility, and other needs over the next decade?

This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the development of the long range plan is completed or by 6/30/2028, whichever is sooner. This sum to come from new taxation. **Majority vote required.**

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

Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School District Advisory Finance Committee (5-2)

Estimated tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.02 per thousand for Amherst and \$0.01 per thousand for Mont Vernon.





Article 3-Long Range Planning and Cost Review

**Souhegan Cooperative School Board
Jim Manning, Vice Chair**



Article 3-Long Range Planning and Cost Review

Souhegan Advisory Finance Committee
Jeanne Ludt, Chair



School District Moderator George Bower

School Maintenance Fund Warrant Article

Article 4.

Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District raise and appropriate the sum of up to three hundred twenty five thousand dollars (**\$325,000**) to be added to the Souhegan School Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established in March 2005? This sum to come from the June 30, 2026 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2026. No amount to be raised from new taxation. **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: \$0.00 per thousand for Amherst and \$0.00 per thousand for Mont Vernon.

Estimated tax impact of not passing this article is: -\$0.11 per thousand for Amherst and -\$0.09 per thousand for Mont Vernon.





Article 4-School Maintenance Fund

**Souhegan Cooperative School Board
John Glover, Member**

Long Term Facilities Project and Funding Plan



<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Contribution</u>	<u>Withdrawal</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Balance			\$447,000
FY27	\$325,000	\$304,000	\$468,000
FY28	\$350,000	\$125,000	\$693,000
FY29	\$325,000	\$673,000	\$345,000
FY30	\$325,000	\$450,000	\$220,000
FY31	\$325,000	\$215,000	\$330,000
FY32	\$325,000	\$483,000	\$172,000
FY33	\$300,000	\$153,000	\$319,000
FY34	\$300,000	\$41,000	\$578,000

FY27-Crack-fill and Sealcoat, Auditorium (rigging/lighting/stage), Controls BMS, DHW Generation, Cafe and Stage Floors. Double Steamer, 2 Door Fridge, Transformer & Pump Upgrades

FY28-Annex Building Generator, Fridge/Cooler Mech. Equip

FY29-Phase 4 Skylights, Kitchen Burner Gas Range

FY30-Main Building Boilers (2), Grounds Building Project

FY31-Roof-Rubber Membrane (Annex), Flat Top Stove, Appliances

FY32-Crack-fill and Sealcoat, Site Lighting, Emergency Lights, Classroom Ceilings, Halls/Stairs/Lobby, Gymnasium/Locker Room/Restrooms, Cafeteria and Stage Walls, Library Walls/Ceiling/Floors, Admin/Support Offices Walls/Ceilings, Kitchen Walls/Ceilings

FY33- Classroom Walls, Landscaping, Exterior Walls- Metal Panels

FY34- Boilers, Elevator Cab

*Excludes interest income



Article 4-School Maintenance Fund

Souhegan Advisory Finance Committee
Jeanne Ludt, Chair



School District Moderator George Bower

Recreation Revolving Fund Warrant Article

Article 5.

Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District raise and appropriate the sum of up to one hundred thousand dollars (**\$100,000**) to be added to the Souhegan Recreation Revolving Fund previously established in March 2016? This sum to come from the June 30, 2026 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2026. No amount to be raised from new taxation. **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: \$0.00 per thousand for Amherst and \$0.00 per thousand for Mont Vernon.

Estimated tax impact of not passing this article is: -\$0.03 per thousand for Amherst and -\$0.03 per thousand for Mont Vernon.





Article 5-Recreation Revolving Fund

**Souhegan Cooperative School Board
John Glover, Member**

Recreation Revolving Project and Funding Plan



<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Contribution</u>	<u>Withdrawal</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Balance			\$550,000
FY27	\$100,000	\$0	\$650,000
FY28	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$650,000
FY29	\$100,000	\$190,000	\$560,000
FY30	\$100,000	\$625,000	\$35,000
FY31	\$100,000	\$75,000	\$60,000
FY32	\$100,000	\$75,000	\$85,000
FY33	\$100,000	\$75,000	\$110,000
FY34	\$100,000	\$0	\$210,000

- ▶ **FY28**-Bleacher Project-ADA Ramp and aisle to front section of press box bleachers on Calvetti Field
- ▶ **FY29**-Resurface Track
- ▶ **FY30**-Turf Replacement, Phase 1 Light Pole/Lighting Upgrade
- ▶ **FY31**-Phase 2 Light Pole/Lighting Upgrade
- ▶ **FY32**-Phase 3 Light Pole/Lighting Upgrade
- ▶ **FY33**-Phase 4 Light Pole/Lighting Upgrade

*Excludes interest income



Article 5-Recreation Revolving Fund

Souhegan Advisory Finance Committee
Jeanne Ludt, Chair



School District Moderator George Bower

Technology Fund Warrant Article

Article 6.

Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District raise and appropriate the sum of up to fifty thousand dollars (**\$50,000**) to be added to the Technology Capital Reserve Fund previously established in March 2023? This sum to come from the June 30, 2026 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2026. No amount to be raised from new taxation.
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: \$0.00 per thousand for Amherst and \$0.00 per thousand for Mont Vernon.

Estimated tax impact of not passing this article is: -\$0.02 per thousand for Amherst and -\$0.01 per thousand for Mont Vernon.





Article 6-Technology Fund

**Souhegan Cooperative School Board
Raj Gupta, Member**

Technology Fund

- ▶ SAU39 Technology Plan for FY26-FY28
 - ▶ Supports vision and strategy for technology use in educational environment
 - ▶ Leverages technology as catalyst for innovation, collaboration, and student success
- ▶ Technology Fund supports long term savings for infrastructure
 - ▶ Telecommunications (telephones, alarms systems)
 - ▶ Network (Switches, Firewall, Access Points)
 - ▶ Wide Area Network (Interconnection between buildings)
- ▶ Funding Plan (FY26-FY28)
 - ▶ FY26-\$50,000
 - ▶ FY27-\$50,000
 - ▶ FY28-\$50,000



Technology Project and Funding Plan



<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Contribution</u>	<u>Withdrawal</u>	<u>Balance</u>
FY25 Balance			\$75,000
FY26	\$50,000	\$35,000	\$90,000
FY27	\$50,000	\$35,000	\$105,000
FY28	\$50,000	\$39,300	\$115,700

- ▶ FY26-Extreme Wireless Access Point (AP) Upgrade Project (50% paid by eRate Funds)
- ▶ FY27-Network Switches
- ▶ FY28-Mitel Phone Replacement (Preliminary Estimate Cost)

**Excludes interest income*



Article 6-Technology Fund

Souhegan Advisory Finance Committee
Jeanne Ludt, Chair



School District Moderator George Bower

Vehicle Fund Warrant Article

Article 7.

Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District raise and appropriate the sum of up to twenty thousand dollars (**\$20,000**) to be added to the Vehicle Expendable Trust Fund previously established in March 2024? This sum to come from the June 30, 2026 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2026. No amount to be raised from new taxation. **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: \$0.00 per thousand for Amherst and \$0.00 per thousand for Mont Vernon.

Estimated tax impact of not passing this article is: -\$0.01 per thousand for Amherst and -\$0.01 per thousand for Mont Vernon.





**Article 7-Vehicle Fund
Souhegan Cooperative School Board**

James Strozier, Secretary

Vehicle Fund Warrant Article

- ▶ Planned Savings to Replace, Fund Major Repairs, and Purchase New Vehicles

- ▶ Current Fleet of Vehicles
 - ▶ Student Services
 - ▶ 2021 Minivan (replace 2041)
 - ▶ 2022 10 Passenger Van (replace 2037)

 - ▶ Athletics/CTE
 - ▶ 2022 10 Passenger Van (replace 2039)
 - ▶ 2024 10 Passenger Van (replace 2043)

 - ▶ Facilities
 - ▶ 2014 Tractor (replace 2031)
 - ▶ 2022 Truck (replace 2041)
 - ▶ 2023 Gator (replace 2035)



Vehicle Project and Funding Plan



<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Contribution</u>	<u>Withdrawal</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Balance			\$40,000
FY27	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000
FY28	\$20,000	\$60,000	\$0
FY29	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
FY30	\$20,000	\$0	\$40,000
FY31	\$20,000	\$0	\$60,000
FY32	\$20,000	\$0	\$80,000

▶ FY27-Replace Mower

▶ FY28-Replace Grounds Tractor (1749L)

*Excludes interest income



Article 7-Vehicle Fund

Souhegan Advisory Finance Committee
Jeanne Ludt, Chair



School District Moderator George Bower

Open Enrollment Warrant Article

Article 8.

Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District adopt an open enrollment school program, designating Souhegan High School as open enrollment school pursuant to NH RSA 194-D, for the purpose of enabling the district to admit non-resident students to Souhegan High School, with one hundred percent (**100%**) of its eligible resident pupils permitted to attend Souhegan High School and zero percent (**0%**) of its resident pupils permitted to attend open enrollment schools located outside of the District, and further, to limit the number of non-resident pupils who may attend Souhegan High School under the provisions of RSA 194-D to no more than two percent (**2%**) of the total enrollment in the Souhegan Cooperative School District? **Majority vote required.**

Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School Board (6-1)

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





Article 8-Open Enrollment

Souhegan Cooperative School Board
Christine Peters, Member

Open Enrollment

The State's new Open Enrollment Law (RSA 194-D) allows students to transfer between SAUs unless local limits are set by voter action. Warrant Article 8 protects the Souhegan Cooperative School District from unintended impacts of this new law by clearly defining how it will participate, and ensures that decisions about open enrollment remain under the control of Amherst and Mont Vernon voters rather than defaulting to broader state authority.

- Designates Souhegan High School as an open-enrollment school
- Sets the percentage of students allowed to enroll in other SAUs at 0%
- Preserves enrollment and budget stability
- Protects staffing and program continuity





Article 8-Open Enrollment

Souhegan Advisory Finance Committee
Jeanne Ludt, Chair



School District Moderator George Bower

Student Tuition Expendable Trust Fund Warrant Article

Article 9.

Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District establish a Student Tuition Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 198:20-c, V for the purpose of paying student tuition as required by RSA 194-D, Open Enrollment School Program, and to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (**\$200,000**) to be placed in this fund, and further, to name the Souhegan Cooperative School Board as agents to expend from said fund. This sum is to be raised from new taxation. **Majority vote required.**

Article 9 shall only take effect if Article 8 fails, and shall be null and void if Article 8 passes.

Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School Board (6-1)

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

Estimated tax impact of passing this article is \$0.07 per thousand for Amherst and \$0.05 per thousand for Mont Vernon.





Article 9-Student Tuition Expendable Trust Fund

**Souhegan Cooperative School Board
Stephanie Grund, Chair**



Article 9-Student Tuition Expendable Trust Fund

**Souhegan Advisory Finance Committee
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Summary

Stephanie Grund, School Board Chair

Summary Of Warrant Articles

	Warrant Article	FY27
1	Election of Officers	Non-Monetary
2	Operating Budget Default Calculation	\$22,599,250 \$22,512,590
3	Long Range Plan and Cost Review	\$50,000
4	Capital Reserve Fund *	\$325,000
5	Recreation Revolving Fund*	\$100,000
6	Technology Fund *	\$50,000
7	Vehicle Fund *	\$20,000
8	Open Enrollment	Non-Monetary
9	Tuition Contingency Fund	\$200,000

**Proposed to fund from FY26 Unassigned Fund Balance*





School District Moderator George Bower

Next Steps



March 10, 2026: District Voting

Amherst Residents

Location: Souhegan High School Gymnasium

Time: 6:00 am-8:00 pm

Mont Vernon Residents

Location: Mont Vernon Village School

Time: 7:00 am-7:00 pm

Thank you for your participation!