

**ABSENTEE  
OFFICIAL BALLOT  
SOUHEGAN COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 10, 2026**

*Elizabeth J. Kuzma*  
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

1. **To Vote:** Completely fill in the oval  to the right of your choice like this:  . For each office vote for up to the number of candidates stated in the sentences: "Vote for not more than 1;" or "Vote for up to X;" "X will be elected." If you vote for more than the stated number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted.
2. **To Vote by Write-in:** To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write in the name of the person in the "write-in" space and completely fill in the oval  to the right of the "write-in" space like this  .

<b>FOR SCHOOL BOARD</b>	
(3 Years)	Vote for up to <b>2</b> ; Two will be elected
STEPHANIE GRUND	<input type="radio"/>
CHRISTINE PETERS	<input type="radio"/>
(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>
(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>

**ARTICLES**

**Article 2.** The average cost-per-pupil for the preceding year as calculated in accordance with RSA 189:75, 1(a) is \$25,841. ELA Proficiency: 79%; Math Proficiency: 41%; Science Proficiency: 58%.

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.**

YES

NO

**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.**

YES

NO

**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.**

YES

NO

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**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.**

YES

NO

**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.**

YES

NO

**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.**

YES

NO

**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)**

YES

NO

**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.**

YES

NO

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT**