

**REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 13
SCHOOL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING GUIDE**

Part 1: School Budget Articles

The School Board of the District has proposed a school operating budget for fiscal year 2020-2021. Pursuant to Order of the Governor, the budget meeting where these articles are presented has been replaced by a remote public hearing. The budget recommended by the School Board consists of the following Articles 1 through 16. Together, these articles constitute the proposed school operating budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 to be presented to the voters as Question 1 at a budget referendum election scheduled for July 14, 2020.

EXPENDITURES FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL BUDGET

Proposed Expenditures by Cost Center		
ARTICLE 1:	Regular Instruction	\$ 11,369,800.00
ARTICLE 2:	Special Education	\$ 7,496,600.00
ARTICLE 3:	Career and Technical Education	\$ 59,600.00
ARTICLE 4:	Other Instruction	\$ 580,400.00
ARTICLE 5:	Student and Staff Support	\$ 2,653,400.00
ARTICLE 6:	System Administration	\$ 759,400.00
ARTICLE 7:	School Administration	\$ 1,499,900.00
ARTICLE 8:	Transportation and Buses	\$ 1,694,800.00
ARTICLE 9:	Facilities Maintenance	\$ 3,064,000.00
ARTICLE 10:	Debt Service and Other Commitments	\$ 2,517,000.00
ARTICLE 11:	All Other Expenditures	\$ 400,000.00

STATE SUBSIDY AND LOCAL TAX REVENUES FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 12: The School Board recommends that the District appropriate the amounts set forth below for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and raise and assess the amounts set forth below as each municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

Recommended amounts set forth below:

Total Appropriated (by municipality):		Total Raised (and District assessments by municipality):	
Town of Cushing	\$ 2,511,962.15	Town of Cushing	\$ 2,462,316.34
Town of Owls Head	\$ 2,048,611.31	Town of Owls Head	\$ 2,048,611.31
City of Rockland	\$ 9,779,705.74	City of Rockland	\$ 6,366,494.00
Town of So. Thomaston	\$ 2,299,593.01	Town of So. Thomaston	\$ 211,289.00
Town of Thomaston	\$ 4,811,555.16	Town of Thomaston	\$ 2,947,254.00
Total Appropriated (sum of above)	\$ 21,451,427.37	Total Raised (sum of above)	\$ 15,937,569.65

State Mandated Explanation: The District's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the District must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

OTHER LOCAL TAX REVENUES FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 13: School Construction Debt Service. The School Board recommends that the District raise and appropriate **\$2,517,000.00** for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the District voters for non-state-funded school construction projects or non-state-funded portions of school construction projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the District's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12.

State Mandated Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the District's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the District voters.

ARTICLE 14: Food Services. The School Board recommends that the District raise and appropriate **\$300,000.00** to transfer to the school nutrition program.

ARTICLE 15: Additional Local. The School Board recommends that the District raise and appropriate **\$7,468,810.52** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$7,468,810.52** as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services (EPS) funding model by \$7,468,810.52: The District requires additional local funds to be raised to cover those program costs not included or only partially included under the EPS Funding Act. Those items not fully funded by the State that require local funding represent existing programs such as athletics and clubs, special education and alternative education programs, maintenance and transportation, nor does it recognize the costs associated with maintaining small class sizes, operating community elementary schools, and offering a broad level of advanced academic programming.

State Mandated Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the District's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the District budget for educational programs.

SUMMARY OF TOTAL 2020-2021 SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 16: Total School Budget Summary. To see what sum the District will authorize the School Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 from the District’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.
School Board Recommends \$32,095,000.00

Part 2: Referendum Questions.

The following school budget and other questions will be submitted to referendum on July 14, 2020:

Question 1: School Budget. Shall Regional School Unit No. 13 appropriate the sum of **\$32,095,000.00** and raise the sum of **\$26,223,380.18** for the 2020-2021 school budget?
School Board Recommends a “Yes” Vote.

VOTER INFORMATION FOR QUESTION 1

The Regional School Unit No. 13 school budget submitted in this Question 1 totals **\$32,095,000.00**. It includes locally raised funds in the amount of **\$26,223,380.18**, 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 State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$7,468,810.52**. This budget includes these cost centers and amounts:

Cost Center	Amount Appropriated
Regular Instruction	\$ 11,369,800.00
Special Education	\$ 7,496,600.00
Career and Technical Education	\$ 59,600.00
Other Instruction	\$ 580,400.00
Student and Staff Support	\$ 2,653,400.00
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Facilities Maintenance	\$ 3,064,000.00
Debt Service and Other Commitments	\$ 2,517,000.00
All Other Expenditures	\$ 400,000.00
Summary of Total Authorized School Budget Expenditures:	\$ 32,095,000.00

Question 2: District Adult Ed Program. Shall the District be authorized to appropriate **\$299,500.00** for adult education and raise **\$210,000.00** 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.

Question 3: **Region 8 Career and Technical Education Budget.** Shall the regional career and technical operating budget as approved by the Region 8 Cooperative Board for the year beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 be approved in the amount of **\$5,644,046.00**?

Local share from this school district is: **\$59,571.04**

Local share from this school district for Region 8 debt service: **\$513,883.05**

Question 4: **Region 8 Adult Career and Technical Education Program.** To see if the career and technical education region will appropriate **\$228,723.00** for Adult Education for the year beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 and raise **\$86,750.00** as the local share with authorization to expand any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the Adult Education Program.

Local share from this school district is: **\$21,223.91**