



Sample Ballot
GWRSD 2026
March 10, 2026

Governor Wentworth Regional School District, NH
 Town of New Durham

Instructions

To Vote:
 To vote, completely fill in
 the oval next to your choice.



To Vote for a Write-in:

To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot,
 write the person's name on the "Write-in" line and
 completely fill in the oval next to the line.



School Board Member-At-Large

Vote for not more than 1
 3 years

G. Thomas Bickford

Write-in _____

School Board Member Brookfield

Vote for not more than 1
 3 years

James B. Manning, DDS

Write-in _____

School Board Member Tuftonboro

Vote for not more than 1
 1 year

Kirsten V. Burke

Brendan D. Gaughran

Write-in _____

School Board Member Wolfeboro

Vote for not more than 1
 3 years

Dayna N. House

Write-in _____

School District Moderator

Vote for not more than 1
 1 year

Kaitlin P. Murphy

Write-in _____

ARTICLE II

The average cost-per-pupil for the preceding year as calculated in accordance with RSA 189:75, I(a) is \$26,293.36. ELA Proficiency: 54%; Math Proficiency: 43%; Science Proficiency: 34%. Shall the Governor Wentworth Regional 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 \$70,555,952? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$70,792,454 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Governor Wentworth Regional 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. * **NOTE: This warrant article (operating budget) does not include appropriations requested in ANY of the other warrant articles.**

Yes

No

The School Board recommends this appropriation. 9-0-0 (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE III

ARTICLE III: To see if the Governor Wentworth Regional School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Governor Wentworth Regional School Board and the Governor Wentworth Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year Estimated Increase

2027 \$ 1,682,872

2028 \$ 1,305,411

2029 \$ 1,355,875

and further to raise and appropriate \$1,682,872 for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. **The School Board recommends this appropriation. 9-0-0**

Yes

No

(Majority vote required)

ARTICLE IV

Shall the Governor Wentworth Regional School District, if Article III is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article III cost items only?

Yes

No

The School Board recommends this article. 9-0-0 (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE V

To see if the Governor Wentworth Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$135,000) for the purpose of hiring a full-time Student Wellness Coordinator? To improve health outcomes and oversee nursing and counselors.

Yes

No

The School Board recommends this appropriation. 9-0-0 (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE VI

To see if the Governor Wentworth Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for repairs and improvements of buildings/grounds at the Kingswood Regional High School, Kingswood Regional Middle School, Lakes Region Technology Center, Kingswood Arts Center, Carpenter School, Crescent Lake School, Effingham Elementary School, New Durham School, Ossipee Central School, Tuftonboro Central School and the SAU 49/Transportation Facility?

Yes

No

The School Board recommends this appropriation. 9-0-0 (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE VII

To see if the Governor Wentworth Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of two hundred fifty-thousand dollars (\$250,000) to be added to the Special Education Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from the June 30, 2026 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2026. No amount to be raised from new taxation.

Yes

No

The School Board recommends this article. 9-0-0 (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE VIII

To see if the Governor Wentworth Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established to maintain and repair schools. This sum to come from the June 30, 2026 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2026. No amount to be raised from new taxation.

Yes
No

The School Board recommends this appropriation. 9-0-0 (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE IX

To see if the Governor Wentworth Regional School District will vote to establish a Health Insurance Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 198:20-c, V for the payment of the school district's share of employee health insurance premiums or special assessments for employee health insurance and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 from surplus to be placed in the fund. This sum to come from the June 30, 2026 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2026. No amount to be raised from new taxation; further to name the school board as agents to expend from the fund.

Yes
No

The School Board recommends this appropriation. 9-0-0 (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE X

ARTICLE X: To see if the Governor Wentworth Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to provide funding for free meals to all students within the newly eligible income brackets. This vote would allow the increase of eligibility for free school meals for students within the district by aligning the income threshold with the following federal poverty level option: 300% of the federal poverty rate, significantly broadening eligibility and ensuring free school meals for students from households earning up to three times the federal poverty rate. This funding would support providing free meals to all students within the newly eligible income brackets, ensuring equitable access to nutrition for academic success and well-being.

Yes
No

The School Board recommends this appropriation. 9-0-0 (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE XI

By Petition of 50 or more eligible voters of the Governor Wentworth Regional School District to see if the district will vote to establish a Playground Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the demolition, rebuilding or improvement of SAU 49's school playgrounds, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the school board as agents to expend the funds.

Yes
No

Submitted by Petition. The School Board recommends this appropriation 9-0-0 (Majority Vote required).