

**SAMPLE
OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL
SCHOOL ELECTION
BEDFORD, NEW
HAMPSHIRE MARCH 11, 2025**

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.

<p style="text-align: center;">SCHOOL BOARD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not (3-year term) more than one (1)</p> <p>ANDREA CAMPBELL <input type="radio"/></p> <p>RUSSAN CHESTER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>BETH PURCELL <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not (3-year term) more than one (1)</p> <p>ASHLEY P. SHAILER <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SCHOOL MODERATOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not (3-year term) more than one (1)</p> <p>MICHAEL J. COURTNEY <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not (3-year term) more than one (1)</p> <p>TINA KOZAK <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>		

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 02. [Special Warrant Article: Full-Day Kindergarten.] Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$885,100) (gross budget) to implement Full-Day Public Kindergarten at Peter Woodbury, Memorial and Riddle Brook elementary schools, and qualify to receive a kindergarten start-up grant equal to half of the base adequacy funding of (\$520,408), calculated based on estimated enrollment? If approved expenses will be ongoing and enrollment included in base adequacy. **(The school board recommends a yes vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

YES
NO

The estimated tax rate impact is \$0.06 per assessed \$1,000.

ARTICLE 03. [Negotiated agreement with the professional staff.] Shall the School District vote to approve the cost items included in the three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Association for the 2025/2026, 2026/2027, 2027/2028 school years, which resulted from negotiations with the professional staff and which calls for the following net changes in salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items at the current staffing levels:

Year	Estimated Cost
2025/2026	\$1,983,173
2026/2027	\$2,004,031
2027/2028	\$2,012,479

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Nine Hundred and Eighty-Three Thousand, One Hundred and Seventy-Three Dollars (\$1,983,173) to fund those additional cost items related to the first year which represents the negotiated changes from the 2024/2025 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items at the current staffing levels? **(The School Board recommends a yes vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

YES
NO

The estimated tax rate impact is \$0.32 per assessed \$1,000.

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 04. [Conditional article for Article 03.] Shall the School District, if Article 03 is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 03 cost items only? **(The School Board recommends a yes vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

YES
NO

ARTICLE 05. [Operating budget.] Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including other appropriations voted separately in Article 02 and Article 03, 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 Ninety Million, Nine Hundred and Nine Thousand, Two Hundred Four Dollars (\$90,909,204)?

[Should this Article 05 be defeated, the operating budget shall be Eighty-Nine Million, Eight Hundred Thirty Thousand, Seven Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$89,830,712) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the 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.] **(The School Board recommends a yes vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

YES
NO

The estimated tax rate impact is \$0.00 per assessed \$1,000 if article passes.
The estimated tax rate impact is \$(0.18) per assessed \$1,000 if article does not pass.

ARTICLE 06. [Petition Warrant Article.] Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body (or budget committee) shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than fifty (50) percent? **(The School Board recommends a no vote upon this question.) (3/5 ballot vote required.)**

YES
NO

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