

**2019 LITCHFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

(As amended at Deliberative Session, February 9, 2019)

To the inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Litchfield in the County of Hillsborough and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon district affairs:

FIRST SESSION OF ANNUAL MEETING (DELIBERATIVE)

You are hereby notified that the first session of the annual meeting of the School District of the Town of Litchfield will be held at Campbell High School, 1 Highlander Court, in said Litchfield on Saturday, February 9, 2019, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon for explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles number 1 through number 7. Warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended, (b) warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended, and (c) no warrant article shall be amended to eliminate the subject matter of the article.

SECOND SESSION OF ANNUAL MEETING (VOTING)

You are hereby notified that the second session of the annual meeting of the School District of the Town of Litchfield will be held at Campbell High School, 1 Highlander Court, in said Litchfield on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon for the choice of School District Officers elected by official ballot, to vote on questions required by law to be inserted on the official ballot, and to vote on all Warrant Articles from the first session on official ballot per RSA 40:13, VII. The polls for the election of School District Officers and other action required to be inserted on said ballot will open on said date at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon and will not close earlier than 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

ARTICLE A

To elect by ballot the following School District Officers:

School Board Member
School Board Member

3-Year Term
3-Year Term

ARTICLE 1 (as amended at Deliberative Session 2-9-19)

Shall the Litchfield School District vote to 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 the vote at the first session of the annual school district meeting, for the purposes set forth herein, totaling **\$22,849,638**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$22,771,378**, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Litchfield School District or by law; or the School Board 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.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.35 (Operating Budget)

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.28 (Default Budget)

*Recommended by the School Board
Vote 5-0-0*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee
Vote 6-2-0*

ARTICLE 2

Shall the Litchfield School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Litchfield School District and the Litchfield Education Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year	Estimated Increase
2019-2020	\$ 394,429
2020-2021	\$ 374,294
2021-2022	\$ 346,391

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$394,429** for fiscal year 2020, 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.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.43

*Recommended by the School Board
Vote 5-0-0*

*Not Recommended by the Budget Committee
because of a tied vote
Vote 4-4-0*

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Litchfield School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$28,490** to hire a part time Enrichment Tutor, including salary and benefits, at Litchfield Middle School to support high achieving learners? If approved, this appropriation will be included in the operating budget in subsequent years.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$ 0.03

*Recommended by the School Board
Vote 5-0-0*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee
Vote 7-1-0*

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Litchfield School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$28,490** to hire a part time Math Tutor, including salary and benefits, at Litchfield Middle School to support struggling and resistant learners? If approved, this appropriation will be included in the operating budget in subsequent years.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$ 0.03

*Recommended by the School Board
Vote 5-0-0*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee
Vote 7-1-0*

ARTICLE 5 (as amended at Deliberative Session 2-9-19)

Shall the Litchfield School District vote to raise and appropriate up to **\$100,000** to be added to the Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund established in 2004 with this sum to come from the June 30 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1 of this year?

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0

*Recommended by the School Board
Vote 5-0-0*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee
Vote 8-0-0*

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Litchfield School District vote to permanently name the Campbell High School auditorium after Philip K. Martin, in honor of his service to Campbell High School?

*Recommended by the School Board
Vote 3-2-0*

ARTICLE 7 (Petitioned Article) (as amended at Deliberative Session 2-9-19)

Shall the School Board study the impact of an article adopting the provisions of RSA 32:5-b which could implement a tax cap whereby the 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 a certain dollar amount or percentage?

*Not Recommended by the School Board
Vote 0-5-0*