

**2017 LITCHFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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 4, 2017, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon for explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles number 1 through number 8. 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 14, 2017, 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 District Moderator	3-Year Term
School District Treasurer	3-Year Term
School District Clerk	3-Year Term
School Board Member	3-Year Term
School Board Member	1-Year Term

**ARTICLE 1**

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 Twenty-One Million, Eight Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars (\$21,827,223)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Twenty-One Million, Seven Hundred Seventeen Thousand, Five Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$21,717,586) 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: Operating Budget \$0.42 - Default Budget \$0.26*

*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:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Estimated Increase</b>
2017-2018	\$ 282,018
2018-2019	\$ 293,644

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand, Eighteen Dollars (\$282,018) for fiscal year 2018, 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: \$0.32*

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

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

**ARTICLE 3**

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 Support Staff Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Estimated Increase</b>
2017-2018	\$ 62,787
2018-2019	\$ 57,662

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand, Seven Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars (\$62,787) for fiscal year 2018, 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: \$0.07*

*Recommended by the School Board  
Vote 4-0-1*

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

**ARTICLE 4**

Shall the Litchfield School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars (\$92,885) to be added to the operating budget for the purpose of funding salary and benefits for a full time Special Services Coordinator position to support the Special Services Director and Special Services Department?

*Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.10*

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

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

**ARTICLE 5**

Shall the Litchfield School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty One Thousand, Six Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$61,645) to purchase security equipment and products to enhance safety and security for the main entrances to Griffin Memorial School, Litchfield Middle School and Campbell High School, and modular classrooms at Griffin Memorial School and Litchfield Middle School, as recommended by the NH Department of Homeland Security?

*Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.07*

*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 raise and appropriate up to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Special Education Capital Reserve Fund established in 2004 and authorize the use of that amount from the June 30 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1 of this year; and to designate the School Board as agents to expend? This is a special warrant article.

*Estimated Tax Impact: \$0*

*Balance of fund as of June 30, 2016: \$104,210.10*

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

*Not Recommended by the Budget Committee  
Vote 4-4-0*

**ARTICLE 7**

Shall the Litchfield School District vote to raise and appropriate up to Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund established in 2004 and authorize the use of that amount from the June 30 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1 of this year; and to designate the School Board as agents to expend? This is a special warrant article.

*Estimated Tax Impact: \$0*

*Balance of fund as of June 30, 2016: \$101,007.69*

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

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

**ARTICLE 8**

Shall the Litchfield School District vote to raise and appropriate up to Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Technology Capital Reserve Fund established in 2016 for the purpose of funding the acquisition and replacement of hardware, software and other technology equipment, and authorize the use of that amount from the June 30 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1 of this year; and to designate the School Board as agents to expend? This is a special warrant article.

*Estimated Tax Impact: \$0*

*Balance of fund as of July 1, 2016: \$50,000.00*

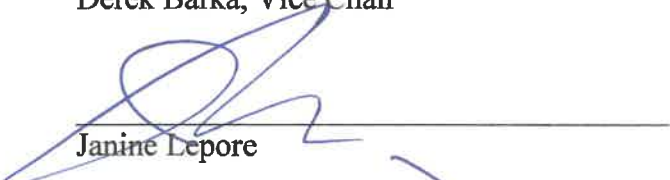
*Recommended by the School Board  
Vote 5-0-0*

*Not Recommended by the Budget Committee  
Vote 1-7-0*

**GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AT SAID LITCHFIELD THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2017.**

  
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Brian Bourque, Chair

  
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Derek Barka, Vice Chair

  
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Janine Lepore

  
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Christina Harrison

  
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Paula Izbicki

**Litchfield School Board**