

STATE OF MAINE  
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 9  
RSU BUDGET REFERENDUM  
OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE TOWN OF STARKS  
JUNE 8, 2021

Chair of the School Board

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

Vote "yes" or "no" by making a cross (X) or check mark (✓) in the square of your choice at the left of each article.

Yes No

**Article 1: School Budget.** Shall Regional School Unit No. 9 appropriate the sum of \$38,860,509 and raise the sum of \$13,465,656 for the 2021-2022 school budget?  
*School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.*

VOTER INFORMATION FOR ARTICLE 1

The Regional School Unit No. 9 school budget submitted in this Article 1 totals \$38,860,509. It includes locally raised funds in the amount of \$13,465,656, to be assessed in shares to member municipalities in accordance with the RSU's cost sharing formula and state law. The locally raised amount exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$2,711,688. This budget includes these cost centers and amounts:

| Cost Center  | Amount Appropriated  |
|--|----------------------|
| Regular Instruction  | \$ 11,158,023        |
| Special Education  | \$ 7,206,386         |
| Career and Technical Education                                 | \$ 2,981,628         |
| Other Instruction  | \$ 508,293           |
| Student and Staff Support                                      | \$ 2,950,024         |
| System Administration  | \$ 1,219,986         |
| School Administration  | \$ 1,545,858         |
| Transportation and Buses                                       | \$ 2,485,762         |
| Facilities Maintenance   | \$ 4,295,891         |
| Debt Service and Other Commitments                             | \$ 4,503,158         |
| All Other Expenditures   | \$ 5,500             |
| <b>Summary of Total Authorized School Budget Expenditures:</b> | <b>\$ 38,860,509</b> |

Yes No

**Article 2: RSU Adult Ed Program.** Shall the RSU be authorized to appropriate \$477,406 for adult education and raise \$223,453 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.*

Voters Are Reminded to Mark Both Sides of this Ballot

**Yes**

**No**

**Article 3:**

**Additional State Subsidy.** In the event that the RSU receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget, shall the School Board be authorized to use all or part of the additional state subsidy to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Board and/or decrease the local cost share expectation, as defined in Title 20-A, section 15671-A(1)(B), for local property taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the School Board?

*School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.*

**Yes**

**No**

**Article 4:**

**Cost Center Transfers.** Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer amounts exceeding 5% of the total appropriation for any cost center to another cost center or among other cost centers for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, provided that transfers shall not be permitted to increase the authorized total school budget?

*School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.*