



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL ELECTION
EXETER SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 11, 2025**

Susan E.H. Bendroth
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

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.

FOR EXETER SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

For Term Ending 2028 Election
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO

- SEARISKAW "SHONNI" HOLMES
- PATRICK O'DAY
- KATHLEEN PRATT
-
- (Write-in)
- (Write-in)

FOR EXETER SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR

For Term Ending 2028 Election
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

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- (Write-in)
-

FOR EXETER SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

For Term Ending 2028 Election
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

- SUSAN E.H. BENDROTH
-
- (Write-in)

WARRANT ARTICLES

Warrant Article #1: Operating Budget

Shall the Exeter 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 and as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$25,769,231? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$25,711,928, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Exeter 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 \$25,769,231. (Majority vote required)

YES
NO

Warrant Article #2: Collective Bargaining Agreement

Shall the Exeter School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Exeter School District and the Exeter Paraprofessional Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level over those paid in a prior fiscal year:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2026	\$356,149
2027	\$286,233
2028	\$170,759

and further to raise and appropriate \$356,149 for the 2025-2026 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 that the School District approve these cost items and make the appropriation of \$356,149. (Majority vote required)

YES
NO

Warrant Article #3: Special Education Expendable Trust

Shall the Exeter School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$75,000 to be placed in the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund previously established for the unanticipated special education costs at the Exeter School District? This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No additional amount to be raised from taxation. The Exeter School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

YES
NO

Warrant Article #4: Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Exeter School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of to \$50,000 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Trust Fund previously established in 2002 for the unanticipated capital costs at the Exeter School District? This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No additional amount to be raised from taxation. The Exeter School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

YES
NO