

SAMPLE BALLOT

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

Valerie Ward
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.

<p align="center">MODERATOR</p> <p align="center">Vote for not For one year more than one</p> <p>RICHARD DILL <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>		<p align="center">SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER</p> <p align="center">Vote for not For three years more than two</p> <p>SANDREA TALIAFERRO <input type="radio"/></p> <p>HEATHER WILCAUSKAS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>RELF FOGG <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JEFF MCGAW <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JOHN POWERS JR. <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>
<p align="center">SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK</p> <p align="center">Vote for not For one year more than one</p> <p>VALERIE WARD <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>		
<p align="center">SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER</p> <p align="center">Vote for not For one year more than one</p> <p>CARLENE STEWART <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>		

ARTICLES

Article 2: Operating budget

Shall the Wakefield School District 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 vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling THIRTEEN MILLION SIX HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$13,616,277). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be TWELVE MILLION SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$12,667,852) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Wakefield 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. Estimated Tax Impact Proposed: \$4.159 Default: \$3.82 (The Wakefield School Board recommends by a vote of 3-2. The Wakefield Budget Committee recommends by a vote of 6-4).

YES
NO

Article 3: Wakefield Teachers Association CBA

To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Wakefield School Board and the Wakefield Teachers Union which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year 2026	\$271,961
Fiscal Year 2027	\$175,960
Fiscal Year 2028	\$121,693

and further to raise and appropriate TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND AND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE DOLLARS {\$271,961} for the current 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. Recommendations required. (Majority vote required) Estimated Tax Impact \$.119 (The Wakefield School Board recommends by a vote of 4-1, The Wakefield Budget Committee recommends by a vote of 9-0)

YES
NO

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 4: Special Meeting YES

Shall the school district, if WARRANT ARTICLE #3 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address WARRANT ARTICLE #3 cost items only? NO

Article 5: Special Education YES

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund previously established. Estimated Tax Impact \$0.022 (The Wakefield School Board recommends by a vote of 4-0. The Wakefield Budget Committee recommends by a vote of 8-2) NO

Article 6: Boiler Replacement YES

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) to be added to the Paul School Boiler Replacement Capital Reserve Account previously established. Estimated Tax Impact \$0.022 (The Wakefield School Board recommends by a vote of 4-0. The Wakefield Budget Committee recommends by a vote of 10-0.) NO

Article 7: Replacement HVAC Units YES

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS [\$50,000] to be added to the HVAC Air Handler Unit Replacement Capital Reserve account previously established. Estimated Tax Impact \$0.022 (The Wakefield School Board recommends by a vote of 4-0. The Wakefield Budget Committee recommends by a vote of 10-0.) NO

Article 8: Classroom Renovation YES

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS [\$25,000] to be added to the Classroom Renovation Capital Reserve Account previously established. Estimated Tax Impact \$0.011 (The Wakefield School Board recommends by a vote of 4-0. The Wakefield Budget Committee recommends by a vote of 10-0.) NO

Article 9: Maintenance Contingency YES

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS \$40,000 to be added to the Maintenance Contingency Expendable Trust previously established. Estimated Tax Impact \$0.018 (The Wakefield School Board recommends by a vote of 4-0. The Wakefield Budget Committee recommends by a vote of 10-0) NO

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