

TOWN OF MACHIAS, MAINE

WARRANT  
2025 SCHOOL BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM

Washington County, ss.

State of Maine

**TO: LARRY ARMSTRONG**, resident of Machias: You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify voters of the Town of Machias of the Special Town Meeting described in this warrant.

**TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF MACHIAS:** You are hereby notified that a special town meeting will be held at the Rose M Gaffney School Gymnasium in the Town of Machias on May 27, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. for the purpose of determining the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

**ARTICLES FOR TOWN OF MACHIAS SCHOOL BUDGET**

**ARTICLE 2:** Shall the Town be authorized to expend **\$3,134,117.00 for Regular Instruction**. Machias School Board, Budget Committee and Machias Select Board recommend.

	<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>2025/2026</u>
Regular Elementary Programs	\$1,635,829.00	\$1,717,162.00
Early Childhood Program	\$192,004.00	\$213,954.00
Elementary Gifted & Talented	\$97,258.00	\$105,805.00
Regular Secondary Programs	\$1,055,589.00	\$1,071,089.00
Secondary Gifted & Talented	\$23,717.00	\$26,107.00
<b>Total Regular Programs</b>	<b>\$3,004,397.00</b>	<b>\$3,134,117.00</b>

**ARTICLE 3:** Shall the Town be authorized to expend **\$1,447,889.00 for Special Education**. Machias School Board, Budget Committee and Machias Select Board recommend.

	<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>2025/2026</u>
Elementary	\$844,846.00	\$910,869.00
Secondary	\$332,108.00	\$316,302.00
Speech Therapy	\$34,271.00	\$36,280.00
Occupational Therapy	\$28,563.00	\$30,084.00
Administration	\$53,516.00	\$56,754.00
Home Instruction/Tutoring	\$8,024.00	\$8,059.00
Evaluator/Transition	\$25,670.00	\$28,570.00
IEP Coordinator	\$59,275.00	\$60,971.00
<b>Total Special Education</b>	<b>\$1,386,273.00</b>	<b>\$1,447,889.00</b>

**ARTICLE 4:** Shall the Town be authorized to expend **\$1,560,430.00 for Career and Technical Education**. Machias School Board, Budget Committee and Machias Select Board recommend.

	<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>2025/2026</u>
Applied Technology Education	\$ 69,856.00	\$ 68,283.00
Culinary Arts	\$ 90,769.00	\$ 94,254.00
Computer Science	\$ 72,359.00	\$ 73,398.00
MSAD 37	\$ 1,082,060.00	\$ 1,132,944.00
Jonesport	\$ 96,398.00	\$ 99,674.00
Building Trades	\$88,705.00	\$91,877.00
<b>Total Career &amp; Technical Education</b>	<b>\$1,500,147.00</b>	<b>\$1,560,430.00</b>

**ARTICLE 5:** Shall the Town be authorized to expend **\$349,680.00 for Other Instruction**. Machias School Board, Budget Committee and Machias Select Board recommend.

	<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>2025/2026</u>
Elementary Non-Athletic	\$38,970.00	\$41,353.00
Secondary Non-Athletic	\$83,932.00	\$86,336.00
Elementary Athletic	\$73,263.00	\$78,321.00
Secondary Athletic	\$140,573.00	\$143,670.00
<b>Total Other Instruction</b>	<b>\$336,738.00</b>	<b>\$349,680.00</b>

**ARTICLE 6:** Shall the Town be authorized to expend **\$396,878.00 for Student and Staff Support**. Machias School Board, Budget Committee and Machias Select Board recommend.

	<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>2025/2026</u>
Elementary Guidance	\$138,167.00	\$81,714.00
Secondary Guidance	\$158,587.00	\$147,459.00
Elementary Library	\$35,336.00	\$39,733.00
Secondary Library	\$49,399.00	\$51,944.00
Health Services	\$68,301.00	\$76,028.00
<b>Total Student &amp; Staff Support</b>	<b>\$449,790.00</b>	<b>\$396,878.00</b>

**ARTICLE 7:** Shall the Town be authorized to expend **\$240,235.00 for System Administration**. Machias School Board, Budget Committee and Machias Select Board recommend.

	<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>2025/2026</u>
Office of the Superintendent	\$172,793.00	\$196,481.00
School Board	\$41,622.00	\$43,754.00
<b>Total System Administration</b>	<b>\$214,415.00</b>	<b>\$240,235.00</b>

**ARTICLE 8:** Shall the Town be authorized to expend **\$460,922.00** for **School Administration**. Machias School Board, Budget Committee and Machias Select Board recommend.

	<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>2025/2026</u>
Office of the Elementary Principal	\$239,522.00	\$248,007.00
Office of the Secondary Principal	\$201,440.00	\$212,915.00
<b>Total School Administration</b>	<b>\$440,962.00</b>	<b>\$460,922.00</b>

**ARTICLE 9:** Shall the Town be authorized to expend **\$170,886.00** for **Transportation and Buses**. Machias School Board, Budget Committee and Machias Select Board recommend.

	<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>2025/2026</u>
Student Transportation	\$205,368.00	\$170,886.00
<b>Total Student Transportation</b>	<b>\$205,368.00</b>	<b>\$170,886.00</b>

**ARTICLE 10:** Shall the Town be authorized to expend **\$822,475.00** including local only debt service in the amount of **\$20,326.00**, for **Facilities and Maintenance**. Machias School Board, Budget Committee and Machias Select Board recommend.

	<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>2025/2026</u>
Building	\$742,939.00	\$783,149.00
Vehicle	\$9,000.00	\$11,000.00
Site Improvement	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Debt Service	\$20,326.00	\$20,326.00
<b>Total Facilities &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>\$780,265.00</b>	<b>\$822,475.00</b>

**ARTICLE 11:** Shall the Town be authorized to expend **\$91,187.00** for **All Other Expenditures**. Machias School Board, Budget Committee and Machias Select Board recommend.

	<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>2025/2026</u>
Food Service	\$81,187.00	\$81,187.00
Contingency	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	<b>\$91,187.00</b>	<b>\$91,187.00</b>

<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$8,409,542.00</b>	<b>\$8,674,699.00</b>
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**ARTICLE 12:** Shall the Town appropriate **\$3,521,579.59** for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and shall the Town raise **\$1,065,365.00** as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Section 15688. Machias School Board, Budget Committee and Machias Select Board recommend.

*Explanation: The Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.*

**ARTICLE 13:** (Written ballot required) Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$685,828.52** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$685,828.52** as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee. Machias School Board, Budget Committee, and Machias Select Board recommend.

The school committee **recommends \$685,828.52** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$685,828.52**: The Machias School Department budget is over the Essential Programs and Services model in student to teacher ratios in the high school, school administration, guidance, library, system administration, maintenance and clerical costs. In addition, the Essential Programs and Services model does not fully fund co-curricular activities and the model has not been fully funded by the State.

*Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act that will help achieve the Town budget for educational programs.*

**ARTICLE 14:** Shall the Town authorize the school committee to expend **\$8,674,699.00** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools. Machias School Board, Budget Committee, and Machias Select Board recommend.

**ARTICLE 15:** Shall the Town be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated. Machias School Board, Budget Committee, and Machias Select Board recommend.

**ARTICLE 16:** Shall the Town appropriate **\$20,000.00** for adult education and raise **\$20,000.00** as 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. Machias School Board, Budget Committee and Machias Select Board recommend.

**ARTICLE 17:** Shall the Town appropriate **\$10,000.00** for adult basic education and raise **\$10,000.00** as local share; with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult basic education program. Machias School Board, Budget Committee and Machias Select Board recommend.

**ARTICLE 18:** In addition to the amounts appropriated under Article 2 through Article 17, shall the Town of Machias appropriate **\$575,000.00** from the Machias School Department's undesignated fund balance to off set over all budget for the Machias School Department. Machias School Board, Budget Committee and Machias Select Board recommend.

**MACHIAS SELECT BOARD**

JACOB PATRYN /s/



CAROLE PORCHER /s/



SANDRA SINFORD /s/



BENJAMIN EDWARDS /s/



MICHAEL HINERMAN II /s/

**A majority of the municipal officers of the Town of Machias.**

**Officer's Return**

Pursuant to the above warrant directed to me, I have warned and notified the inhabitants of the Town of Machias, qualified herein expressed, to meet at said time and place, for the purposes therein named, by posting one attested copy of the warrant on the front of the Town Office Building, one attested copy at the Machias Memorial High School, one attested copy at Rose M. Gaffney School, one attested copy at the Machias Bay Area Transfer Station, in said Town, on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

Dated: 5/5/25

LARRY ARMSTRONG /s/  
Resident

*Larry Armstrong*

**Treasurer's Debt Statement**

	June 30, 2025	Proposed New Debt	Balance with Proposed New Debt
<b>Governmental Debt</b>			
<b>General Obligation Bonds and Notes</b>			
Town of Machias	\$ 666,002.50		\$ 666,002.50
Machias School Department	237,670.64		237,670.64
<b>Total General bonds and notes</b>	<b>\$ 903,673.14</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 903,673.14</b>
<b>Business-Type Debt</b>			
<b>Proprietary Funds Bonds and Notes</b>			
Ambulance Bonds and Notes	176,300.00		176,300.00
Sewer Bonds and Notes	770,903.83		770,903.83
Telebusiness Bonds and Notes	-		-
<b>Total proprietary bonds and notes</b>	<b>\$ 947,203.83</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 947,203.83</b>
<b>Total General and Proprietary</b>	<b>\$ 1,850,876.97</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,850,876.97</b>
<b>Authorized and Outstanding</b>			
N/A			
<b>Total Debt</b>	<b>\$ 1,850,876.97</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,850,876.97</b>