

# SAMPLE BALLOT

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**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
MASCENIC REGIONAL DISTRICT ELECTION  
NEW IPSWICH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 10, 2026**

*Quiana J. Walsh*  
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- To Vote:** Completely fill in the oval  to the right of your choice like this:  . For each office vote for up to the number of candidates stated in the sentences: "Vote for not more than 1;" or "Vote for up to X;" "X will be elected." If you vote for more than the stated number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted.
- To Vote by Write-in:** To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write in the name of the person in the "write-in" space and completely fill in the oval  to the right of the "write-in" space like this  .

FOR NEW IPSWICH SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER		FOR AT-LARGE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER GREENVILLE RESIDENT		FOR DISTRICT MODERATOR	
For Three Years	Vote for not more than 1	For Three Years	Vote for not more than 1	For Three Years	Vote for not more than 1
ELLEN SALMONSON	1056 <input type="radio"/>	STEVE SPRATT	1120 <input type="radio"/>	ROBERT ROMERIL	1348 <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in)	60 <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in)	35 <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in)	25 <input type="radio"/>
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**SCHOOL ARTICLES**

**Article 3: Open Enrollment Declaration**

Shall the Mascenic Regional School District vote to adopt an open enrollment school program, designating Highbridge Hill Elementary School, Boynton Middle School, and Mascenic Regional High School as open enrollment schools pursuant to NH RSA 194-D, for the purpose of enabling the district to admit non-resident students to Highbridge Hill Elementary School, Boynton Middle School, and Mascenic Regional High School, with one hundred percent (100%) of its eligible resident pupils permitted to attend Highbridge Hill Elementary School, Boynton Middle School, and Mascenic Regional High Schools and zero percent (0%) of its resident pupils permitted to attend open enrollment schools located outside of the District, and further, to limit the number of non-resident pupils who may attend Highbridge Hill Elementary School, Boynton Middle School, and Mascenic Regional High School under the provisions of RSA 194-D to no more than ten percent (10%) of the total enrollment in the Mascenic Regional School District. **Majority vote required to pass. The Mascenic Regional School Board recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 0.**

921 YES

664 NO

**Article 4: 2026-2027 School District Operating Budget**

The average cost-per-pupil for the preceding year as calculated in accordance with RSA 189:75, I (a) is \$19,936. ELA Proficiency: 53%; Math Proficiency: 37%; Science Proficiency: 36%.

Shall the Mascenic Regional 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 **twenty-three million eight hundred ninety-nine thousand one hundred and seven dollars (\$ 23,899,107)**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **twenty-three million four hundred thirty-one thousand and four hundred twenty-nine dollars (\$ 23,431,429)** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Mascenic Regional 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? **Majority vote required to pass. The Mascenic Regional School Board unanimously recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 0. The Mascenic Advisory Budget Committee recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 0.**

623 YES

981 NO

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## SCHOOL ARTICLES CONTINUED

### Article 5: Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Mascenic Education Support Staff Association

To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Mascenic Regional School Board and the Mascenic Education Support Staff Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2027	\$149,707
2028	\$55,078
2029	\$47,585

and further to raise and appropriate one hundred forty-nine thousand seven hundred and seven dollars (\$149,707) 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. **Majority vote required to pass. The Mascenic Regional School Board recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 0. The Mascenic Advisory Budget Committee recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 0.**

669 YES   
921 NO

### Article 6: Special Meeting if Collective Bargaining Agreement Defeated

Shall the school district, if Article 5 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 4 cost items only? **Majority vote required to pass. Recommended by the School Board by a vote of 5 to 0.**

730 YES   
837 NO

### Article 7: Maintenance & Repair Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to be added to the School Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established? This sum to come from the June 30, 2026 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2026? No amount to be raised from additional taxation. **Majority vote required to pass. The Mascenic Regional School Board recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 0. The Mascenic Advisory Budget Committee recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 0.**

879 YES   
701 NO

### Article 8: Technology Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand (\$35,000) to be added to the Technology Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from June 30, 2026 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2026. No amount to be raised from additional taxation. **Majority vote required to pass. The Mascenic Regional School Board recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 0. The Mascenic Advisory Budget Committee recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 0.**

835 YES   
743 NO

### Article 9: Food Service Capital Reserve

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) to be added to the Food Service Capital Reserve previously established. This sum to come from June 30, 2026 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2026. No amount to be raised from additional taxation. **Majority vote required to pass. The Mascenic Regional School Board recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 0. The Mascenic Advisory Budget Committee recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 0.**

877 YES   
703 NO

### Article 10: Building Consolidation Feasibility Study

To see if the Mascenic Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-six thousand (\$26,000) for the purpose of hiring an independent consultant to conduct a building consolidation feasibility study. **Majority vote required to pass. The Mascenic Regional School District recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 4 to 1. The Mascenic Advisory Budget Committee recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 0.**

721 YES   
854 NO

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### Article 11: SAU Staffing Analysis

To see if the Mascenic Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of conducting an independent analysis of school administrative unit (SAU) staffing levels. Majority vote required to pass. The Mascenic Regional School District School Board recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 3 to 2. The Mascenic Advisory Budget Committee does not recommend the passage of this article by a vote of 0 to 5.

545 YES

1049 NO

### Article 12: Building Trade Program Adoption

To see if the school will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred ninety-two thousand dollars (\$192,000) to implement a construction trades program at Mascenic Regional High School, such sum to include \$142,000 in additional salaries and benefits, and \$50,000 for supplies, materials, tools and other equipment needed for the program. Majority vote required to pass. The Mascenic Regional School District School Board recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 0. The Mascenic Advisory Budget Committee recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 0.

908 YES

678 NO

### Article 13: Accept Reports

Shall the Mascenic Regional School District accept the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen?

1257 YES

275 NO

### Article 15: Per-Pupil Spending Cap Policy

Submitted by petition: To see if the school district will vote to adopt this policy: Each year, the increase in spending per student (total operating budget divided by the number of enrolled students in current year) shall be limited to no more than the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), U.S. City Average, for the calendar year immediately preceding the fiscal year, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. This cap applies only to increases over the prior year's per student amount. No additional percentages, adjustments, different measures, overrides, exclusions, or other changes shall be permitted that would allow per-student spending to rise more than this CPI-U limit. This policy shall remain effect for all future budgets unless fully rescinded by a subsequent warrant article approved by the voters. Requires a 3/5ths majority of the school district. The Mascenic Regional School Board does not recommend the passage of this article by a vote of 0 to 5. The Mascenic Regional School District Advisory Budget Committee does not recommend the passage of this article by a vote of 0 to 5.

753 YES

826 NO

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT