

## **From the School Board....**

The Fremont School Board would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! We would like to inform all our taxpayers about some of the school district warrant articles that will appear on the ballot this coming March.

### *Warrant Article 2*

*Shall the Fremont School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth, totaling \$12,457,950. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$12,700,700 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Fremont 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.*

*NOTE: This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations proposed under any other warrant articles.*

**(Recommended by the Fremont School Board 5-0-0)**

**(Recommended by the Fremont Budget Committee 7-0-0)**

*The tax impact will not be calculable until the incoming revenues are determined.*

After initial consideration and cuts, the Fremont School Board brought their recommended budget to the Budget Committee and the Budget Committee requested significant further cuts. The School Board went back and cut an additional \$378,552. That is the proposed budget in the warrant article. This proposed budget cuts 2.5 teachers from the FY16 operating budget as well as teacher supplies, replacement furniture, additional technology, and more. The default is higher and its figure is defined by statute.

### *Warrant Article 3*

*To see if the Fremont School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the previously established expendable trust fund, known as the Ellis School Building and Grounds Maintenance Fund. This sum is to come from the June 30, 2016 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2016. No amount to be raised by taxation.*

**(Recommended by the Fremont School Board 5-0-0 )**

**(Recommended by the Fremont Budget Committee 7-0-0 )**

*No new taxes to be raised.*

This article allows the Board to deposit up to \$10,000 in the Ellis Building and Grounds Trust Fund from this year's budget if funds remain at the end of the year. This trust fund has existed for many years and funds occasion unbudgeted maintenance. It has recently funded new roofs on the modular, replaced carpeting in the modular, library and main office, replaced ageing electrical boxes, and much more. Roof shoveling funds were cut back in the FY17 budget with the understanding that this fund would cover these extra costs. Also, \$15,000 was not included in the FY17 budget with the intent to remove those funds from this trust fund to cover approximately half the cost of replacing the ageing rooftop air handler which is due to be replaced now. The fund presently has \$33,059 in it and these two items would reduce the balance to \$11,059 as the remaining building emergency fund.

*Warrant Article 4*

*To see if the Fremont School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the previously established expendable trust fund, known as Tuition Trust Fund. This sum is to come from the June 30, 2016 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2016. No amount to be raised by taxation.*

**(Recommended by the Fremont School Board 5-0-0 )**  
**(Recommended by the Fremont Budget Committee 7-0-0 )**  
*No new taxes to be raised.*

This article allows the Board to deposit up to \$100,000 in the Tuition Trust Fund from this year's budget if funds remain at the end of the year. The Tuition Trust Fund was started last year to provide a buffer that is no longer in the operating budget for unexpected expenses for Sanborn Tuition (more students enrolling than predicted) and for any unbudgeted out-of-district special education placements. At any time, an existing student may require such a placement, or a new student to the district may come with an IEP requiring such a placement.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our Superintendent, Dr. Betsey Cox-Buteau at 603-895-6903. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fremont School Board