

## From the School Board....

The Fremont School Board would like to inform all our taxpayers about some of the School District Warrant Articles that will appear on the ballot on March 12, 2024

### Warrant Article 2

Shall the Fremont School District vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Fremont School Board and the Ellis School Support Staff which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal year	Estimated Increase
2024-2025	\$127,832
2025-2026	\$45,225
2026-2027	\$47,811

and further to raise and appropriate \$127,832 for the 2024-2025 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.

Recommended by the Fremont School Board 5-0  
Recommended by the Fremont Budget Committee 6-1  
**First Year Tax impact is \$0.23**

***Highlights of this contract include: Step increases for all eligible employees. These increases will help bring our Support Staff to be more competitive with like positions in similar neighboring schools and will assist with hiring and retention.***

### Warrant Article 4

Shall the Fremont School District vote to 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, therein, totaling \$13,692,793? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$13,712,081 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  
Recommended by the Fremont Budget Committee 5-2

***This represents an overall 8.19% increase in the total budget over the current year. The increase in the Ellis School portion of the budget is 1.99% which includes contractual increases for health insurance, transportation expenses and Special Education requirements, and the reduction of one teacher position. The increase in the high school portion of the budget is 19.46% which includes transportation expenses, Special Education requirements, and Sanborn tuition.***

#### **Warrant Article 5**

Shall the Fremont School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$200,000 to be added to the previously established expendable trust fund, known as the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund. This sum is to come from the June 30, 2024 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2024. No amount to be raised from additional taxation.

Recommended by the Fremont School Board 5-0  
Recommended by the Fremont Budget Committee 7-0

***This trust fund has existed for many years and has been established to help fund unanticipated expenses associated with Special Education. The school will be taking monies out of this fund to help alleviate unanticipated expenses for the current year. We would like to replenish those funds at the end of the year, if possible.***

#### **Warrant Article 6**

Shall the School District approve a new ten (10) year Memorandum of Understanding with Pinkerton Academy and a new ten (10) year Memorandum of Understanding with the Epping School District for the education of Fremont high school students at both Pinkerton Academy and Epping High School beginning July 1, 2026 in accordance with the proposed Memorandum of Understandings on file with the School District Clerk?

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Superintendent, Ellen Halliday, at 603 895 6903.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Fremont School Board