

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 8, 2022

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 Fremont Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal year	Estimated Increase
2022-2023	\$88,612

and further to raise and appropriate \$88,612 for the 2022-2023 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 7-0
Tax impact is \$0.16

Highlights of this contract include: Step increases for all eligible employees.

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 \$12,298,325 ? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$12,308,711 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 7-0

This budget represents a 0.46% increase over the current year, which includes contractual increases for health insurance, Sanborn tuition costs, transportation expenses and Special Education requirements.

Warrant Article 5

Shall the Fremont School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$100,000 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, 2022 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022. No amount to be raised from additional taxation.

Recommended by the Fremont School Board 5-0
Recommended by the Fremont Budget Committee 6-1

This article allows the Board to deposit up to \$100,000 in the Special Education Trust Fund from this year's budget if funds remain at the end of the year. Special education costs are difficult to predict and are constantly changing throughout the year, with many items required by law. This fund was established to help support the District with unanticipated cost increases during the year.

Warrant Article 6

Shall the Fremont School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the previously established expendable trust fund, known as the Ellis School Building and Grounds Maintenance Trust Fund. This sum is to come from the June 30, 2022 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022. No amount to be raised from additional taxation.

Recommended by the Fremont School Board 5-0
Recommended by the Fremont Budget Committee 6-1

This trust fund has existed for many years and has funded unanticipated maintenance issues which have arose such as asbestos abatement, roof snow removal and electrical repairs. It can also be used for major repairs which we need to "save towards" over a periods of time, such as the air handler and boiler units. This trust fund helps to offset these costly expenses in an aging building.

Warrant Article 7

Shall the Fremont School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the previously established expendable trust fund, known as the Maintenance and Improvement of Technology Infrastructure and Equipment Trust Fund. This sum is to come from the June 30, 2022 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022. No amount to be raised from additional taxation.

Recommended by the Fremont School Board 5-0
Recommended by the Fremont Budget Committee 5-2

This trust fund was established to help alleviate unanticipated costs for technology, infrastructure, and equipment. It acts as a "savings account" for the ever changing technology Districts must keep up with helping continuously educate our children.

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