

# SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
HILLSBORO-DEERING COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HILLSBOROUGH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 12, 2024

*Mayor Shores*  
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

## INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

### SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

3-year term      Vote for not  
more than Two

KRISTA DAVISON ☐

STACEY MORIN ☐

BENNY VALENZUELA ☐

☐ (Write-in)

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### MODERATOR

1-year term      Vote for not  
more than One

JOHN SEGEDY ☐

☐ (Write-in)

## ARTICLES

### Article 02 Set Salaries of School Board, Agents/Officers

Shall the Hillsboro-Deering School District set the salaries of the School Board and compensation of any other officers or agents of the District as printed in the 2024-2025 Budget?

School Board Chair \$1,800  
School Board Members \$1,000 each  
District Clerk \$100 per meeting  
Moderator \$100 per meeting  
Ballot Clerks \$10 each per voting session  
Recommended by School Board 5-0-0

YES ☐  
NO ☐

### Article 03 Operating Budget

Shall the voters of the Hillsboro-Deering 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 \$24,597,117 (twenty-four million, five hundred ninety-seven thousand, one hundred and seventeen dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$24,482,642 (twenty-four million, four hundred eighty-two thousand, six hundred and forty-two dollars), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district or by law; or the School District 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. (Funding the operating budget for 2024-2025 but does not include appropriations in other warrant articles, except Article #2). Recommended by School Board 5-0-0

YES ☐  
NO ☐

### Article 04 Appropriation for Food Service and Federal / State

Shall the Hillsboro-Deering School District raise and appropriate \$2,550,000 for the support of school projects as follows: \$800,000 (eight hundred thousand dollars) for Food Service and, \$1,750,000 (one million, seven hundred fifty thousand dollars) for Federal and State projects? Such sum to be offset by school lunch sales and State and Federal grants. Majority vote required.  
Recommended by School Board 5-0-0

YES ☐  
NO ☐

### Article 05 Appropriation for SAU Budget

Shall the voters of the Hillsboro Deering School District adopt a School Administrative Unit budget of \$1,156,115 (one million, one hundred fifty-six thousand, one hundred fifteen dollars) for the forthcoming fiscal year in which \$971,137 (nine hundred seventy-one thousand, one hundred thirty-seven dollars) is assigned to the school budget of this district? This year's alternative budget of \$1,160,145 (one million, one hundred sixty thousand, one hundred and forty-five dollars) for the forthcoming fiscal year in which \$974,522 (nine hundred seventy-four thousand, five hundred twenty-two dollars) is assigned to the school budget of the district, will be adopted if the article does not receive a majority vote of all school district voters in the School Administrative Unit.  
Recommended by School Board 5-0-0

YES ☐  
NO ☐

~~VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT~~

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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

### Article 06 Fund School Building Maintenance Expendable Trust

Shall the Hillsboro-Deering School District vote to raise and appropriate up to \$250,000 (two hundred fifty thousand dollars) to be added to the School Building Maintenance Fund previously established? This sum to come from the Jun 30, 2024 unassigned fund balance available for transfer after July 1, 2024. No amount to be raised from taxation.  
Recommended by School Board 5-0-0

YES ☐  
NO ☐

### Article 07 Fund Special Education Expendable Trust

Shall the Hillsboro-Deering School District vote to raise and appropriate up to \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund previously established? This sum to come from the Jun 30, 2024 unassigned fund balance available for transfer after July 1, 2024. No amount to be raised from taxation.  
Recommended by School Board 5-0-0

YES ☐  
NO ☐

### Article 08 Fund Technology ETF

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) to be added to the Technology Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from June 30, 2024 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2024. No amount to be raised from taxation. Recommend by School Board 5-0-0

YES ☐  
NO ☐

### Article 09 Accept Annual Reports

Shall the Hillsboro-Deering School District accept the reports of agents, committees and officers chosen as printed in the Annual Report? Recommended by School Board 5-0-0

YES ☐  
NO ☐

### Article 10 By Petition

Shall the voters of the Hillsboro-Deering Cooperative School District vote to direct the Hillsboro-Deering Cooperative School Board to terminate the 3-year landscaping and snow plowing contract with the vendor, effective April 30, 2024, due to breach of contract and the H-D School district's:

1. failure to enforce the scope of work requirements specified as "shall perform" items Appendix A, pages 9-11, of the "Request for Proposals: Grounds Maintenance Services, Landscaping and Snow Removal"
2. failure to obtain competitive bids as specified in the school district's bidding policy.
3. lack of transparency and accountability for the use of taxpayer funds.

YES ☐  
NO ☐

Not recommended by School Board 4-1-0  
(Submitted by Petition)

### Article 11 By Petition

Shall the voters of the Hillsboro-Deering Cooperative School District vote to rescind authority for the H-D School Board to enter into any multi-year procurement agreement for \$50,000 or greater and to require a warrant article to authorize agreement, which shall be voted by the legislative body of the Hillsboro-Deering Cooperative School District.

YES ☐  
NO ☐

Not recommended by School Board 4-1-0  
(Submitted by Petition)

### Article 12 By Petition

Shall the voters of the Hillsboro-Deering Cooperative School District vote to prohibit the Hillsboro-Deering School Board from using taxpayer money to fund lobbyists, including indirect funding through membership organizations such as, but not limited to, NHSBA.

YES ☐  
NO ☐

Not recommended by School Board 3-1-1  
(Submitted by Petition)

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