

JEFFERSON 2025-2026 SCHOOL
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State of Maine
Lincoln County, ss.

To Brenda F. Williams, resident of the Town of Jefferson, County of Lincoln, State of Maine:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Jefferson in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Jefferson Village School in said Town, on Wednesday, the 9th day of July, AD, 2025 at six o'clock p.m., then and there to act upon article 1 by written ballot and then upon Article 2 through 18 as set out below.

The Jefferson School Budget Validation vote will be held on August 12, 2025 at the Jefferson Village School by secret ballot. The polling hours will be from eight o'clock in the morning until eight o'clock in the evening.

Pursuant to Title 21-A, Section 759(7), absentee ballots will be processed at the polls at the following times: 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

School Committee Recommends (5-0)	\$3,512,892.65
Budget Committee Recommends (5-1)	\$3,512,892.65

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

School Committee Recommends (5-0)	\$3,232,869.72
Budget Committee Recommends (4-1-1)	\$3,232,869.72

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ARTICLE 4: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

School Committee Recommends (5-0)	\$100.00
Budget Committee Recommends (6-0)	\$100.00

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

School Committee Recommends (5-0)	\$43,202.00
Budget Committee Recommends (6-0)	\$43,202.00

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

School Committee Recommends (5-0)	\$433,292.45
Budget Committee Recommends (6-0)	\$433,292.45

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

School Committee Recommends (5-0)	\$284,804.43
Budget Committee Recommends (6-0)	\$284,804.43

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

School Committee Recommends (5-0)	\$292,515.10
Budget Committee Recommends (6-0)	\$292,515.10

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

School Committee Recommends (5-0)	\$733,984.47
Budget Committee Recommends (6-0)	\$733,984.47

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ARTICLE 10: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

School Committee Recommends (5-0)	\$664,747.97
Budget Committee Recommends (6-0)	\$664,747.97

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

School Committee Recommends (5-0)	\$785,949.44
Budget Committee Recommends (6-0)	\$785,949.44

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

School Committee Recommends (5-0)	\$60,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends (6-0)	\$60,000.00

ARTICLES 13 AND 14 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 13: (*Recorded vote.*) To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (**School Committee Recommends \$5,389,143.20**) and to see what sum the Town will raise as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15688.

School Committee Recommends (5-0)	\$3,082,635.00
Budget Committee Recommends (6-0)	\$3,082,635.00

Explanation: The Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

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ARTICLE 14: (*Written ballot required.*) To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds which exceed the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model, as required, funding the budget recommended by the School Committee.

The School Committee recommends (5-0) **\$4,070,465.34** in additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$4,070,465.34**:

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, and statutorily required amounts for secondary tuition, as well as special education, facilities maintenance, and transportation costs exceed the State's EPS funding model.

School Committee Recommends (5-0)	\$4,070,465.34
Budget Committee Recommends (6-0)	\$4,070,465.34

<u>School Budget Funding Explanation</u>	
Article # 13 Required Local (EPS) Raise Amount:	\$3,082,635.00
Article # 14 Additional Local Raise Amount:	\$4,070,465.34
Total Local Funds Raised:	\$7,153,100.34
Municipal Reserve Transfer (Bus Purchase)	\$134,750.00
Tuition From Other SAU	\$0.00
Fund Balance Forward:	\$450,000.00
State Subsidy - Debt Service (New Building):	\$785,949.44
State Subsidy - Bus Reimbursement:	\$0
State Subsidy - Remainder:	\$1,520,558.46
Total School Budget Request:	\$10,044,358.24

ARTICLE 15 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 15: (*Recorded vote.*) To see what sum the Town will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects,

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additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee Recommends (5-0)

\$10,044,358.24

Budget Committee Recommends (4-1-1)

\$10,044,358.24

Explanation: A school administrative unit must include a summary article indicating the total annual budget for funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12. The amount must be the gross budget of the school system. This article does not provide money unless the other articles are approved.

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Jefferson School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for education purposes provided that such grants, programs, or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

School Committee Recommends: Approval.

(5 - 0)

Budget Committee Recommends: Approval

(6 - 0)

**ARTICLE 17 AUTHORIZES TRANSFERS AND EXPENDITURES FROM
MUNICIPAL BUS RESERVE**

ARTICLE 17: Shall the School Committee be authorized to expend up to \$134,750.00 from the Municipal Bus Reserve, previously established by District voters?

School Committee Recommends: Approval.

(5 - 0)

Budget Committee Recommends: Approval

(6 - 0)

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**ARTICLE 18 AUTHORIZES CREATION OF A SPECIAL SERVICES
RESERVE, AND TRANSFERS AND EXPENDITURES FROM THAT
RESERVE**

ARTICLE 18: Shall Jefferson School Committee be authorized to transfer up to \$300,000 from unexpended 2024-2025 balances to create a Special Reserve Fund and expend up to \$3000,000 from said reserve fund for unexpected special education expenses.

School Committee Recommends: Approval.

(5 - 0)

Budget Committee Recommends: Approval

(6 - 0)

The Registrar of Voters shall hold office hours while the polls are open to correct any error in or change a name or address on the voting list; to accept the registration of any person eligible to vote and to accept new enrollments.

A person who is not registered as a voter may not vote in any election.

Given under our hand this day, the 30th day of June, 2025 at Jefferson, Maine.



Claudia Orff-Reed




Robert E. Clark, Jr.

Pamela J. Grotton

A majority of the municipal officers of the Town of Jefferson

A true copy of the Warrant, Attest:


Clerk, Town of Jefferson