



To All Allenstown Residents

Please Support Our Schools By Voting For Our 2020/2021 School Budget



Voting Day: March 10, 2020 – St. John Parrish Hall – 8:00am ~ 7:00pm

NH State Representatives finally passed additional Education Revenue, but they are ONE TIME only Funds for FY2021. Concord needs to continue in this year's 2020 Legislative Session with looking at Education Funding. Another round of lawsuits against the State of NH for Education Funding have come about. Conval School District won in court at the Superior Court level in Keene in June, 2019. The State is appealing that decision. A third Education Commission, (2000 / 2008 / 2020), to look at School Funding has also started in Concord. **Our town is in desperate need for Adequate Education Funding!**

School Items on the March Ballot that have the Municipal Budget Committee Recommended Approval that need your support:

-  Proposed Budget - \$10,857,796 – **DECREASED TAX IMPACT FROM PRIOR YEAR- \$18.63-** to \$18.20
-  Teachers and Paraprofessional 3 Year Contract Renewals
-  Funding Our Trust Funds – **these funds are the only way that the School can save for future - No Tax Impact** – Trust Funds are paid for if there is Surplus left as of June 30, 2020

We thank you in advance for your commitment to providing Allenstown students with a quality education at the most reasonable cost possible.

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Did you know these facts about the school budget?

The Proposed School Budget is \$10,857,796. The Default School Budget is \$10,672,762. That change of \$185,034 would be a difference of \$126 to your tax bill on a \$200,000 valued home.

540 Students ages 3 – 21 are supported by the budget.

This proposed budget is asking for 3 positions: 1 **Behavioral Specialist**; 2 Regular Paraprofessionals to assist our Kindergarten Program that has 40 students.

Special Education Expenses comprise 30% ~ \$3,311,835 of our total budget and are governed by both Federal and State mandates resulting in the inability to have any leverage to make reductions.

There are 158 budgeted Allenstown Students at Pembroke Academy with a tuition cost of \$13,164 Per Pupil.

There is a Social and Emotional crisis in schools today. A sharp increase in concerning behaviors from students impacts our staff on a daily basis. These alarming behaviors are a result of students dealing with trauma such as drugs in the home; being removed from their homes and placed in either a family member's home or foster care. A Jan 11 Concord Monitor article shows that teachers don't always feel safe in classrooms. The **Behavioral Specialist** will help both the students who need this additional support and help the teachers learn tools to deal with these students.

See below that our Voted 2019/2020 school budget is very similar to other comparable SAU 53 towns:

Comparison of Voted 19/20 Budgets in other SAU 53 Towns:	Epsom	Deerfield	Chichester	Allenstown
Voted 2019 – 20	\$11,969,327	\$13,805,299	\$6,457,788	\$10,525,548
Total # of students supported in budget	615	755	340	539
Overall budget cost per pupil	\$19,462	\$18,285	\$18,993	\$19,527