



# To All Allenstown Residents

## Please Join Us



Over the next few weeks we need your attendance at three very important events where we need your input, ideas, and your voice.

### Allenstown Deliberative Session:

**Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9am at  
Armand R. Dupont School Gym**

This is when the School District explains their "needs" budget for the coming year and answers questions you might have.

Website address for where the Proposed School Budget information is saved:

<http://sau.sau53.org/districts/allenstown-2/>

### Two Interactive Community Forums

**Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm  
at Armand R. Dupont School  
~ OR ~**

**Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at  
Allenstown Elementary School**

These forums have one goal: for US to LISTEN! There are some immediate, short term and long-term decisions we, as a Board, will need to make over the next few years and we cannot make those decisions without your thoughts and perspective being represented.

### March Vote

**Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>  
from 8:00am – 7:00pm at  
St. John the Baptist  
Parish Hall**

We ask for the support of your vote for the 2019/2020 Proposed Allenstown School Budget.

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

Allenstown School Board

# Did you know these facts about the school budget?

The Proposed School Budget is \$10,445,548. The Default School Budget is \$10,349,197. That change of \$96,351 would be a difference of \$66 to your tax bill on a \$200,000 valued home.

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

The State Adequacy Grant, which is the major source of funding for schools, decreases by (\$89,163) every year due to NH Legislation passed 5 years ago. That state decrease in funding means Allenstown tax dollars have to make up that decrease in funding for schools.

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

This proposed budget is increasing Art and Music from 0.8 positions to full 1.0 positions. It is shown that Art and Music improve memory; foster creativity; and improve language and reading skills. Therefore, we are trying to enhance our programs with full time staff.

There are 167 budgeted Allenstown Students at Pembroke Academy with a tuition cost of \$12,823 Per Pupil.

- See below that our Voted 2018/2019 school budget is very similar to other comparable SAU 53 towns:

Comparison of Voted 18/19 Budgets in other SAU 53 Towns:	Epsom	Deerfield	Chichester	Allenstown
Voted 2018 – 19	\$11,461,784	\$13,495,847	\$6,494,673	\$10,021,355
Total # of students supported in budget	652	743	340	539
Overall budget cost per pupil	\$17,579	\$18,164	\$19,102	\$18,593