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ABSENTEE BALLOTS AVAILABLE

Absentee Ballots are available at the Cushing Town Office for the Regional School Unit #13 Budget Referendum.

To receive an absentee ballot, a registered voter may come into the town office to vote, call 354-2375 for a ballot to be mailed to the voter (only the voter may do this), or come in and fill out a request form to pick up a ballot. Immediate family members may come in and fill out an application to take a ballot to a family member.

Please note: Due to State Statute Title 21-A section 753-B **Friday June 4, 2021** will be the last day to request an absentee ballot or vote by absentee unless a voter meets the criteria for a Special Circumstance Application. Only the voter can fill out the Special Circumstance Application. If you have any questions, please call the Town Office at 354-2375.

**WARRANT AND NOTICE OF ELECTION CALLING
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 13
BUDGET REFERENDUM
(20-A M.R.S. §§ 1486 & 1501; Executive Orders #8 & #8A FY20/21)**

TO: Jennifer L. Colby, a resident Regional School Unit No. 13 (the "RSU") composed of the City of Rockland and the Towns of Cushing, Owls Head, South Thomaston, and Thomaston, State of Maine.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby ordered to serve upon the municipal clerks of each of the municipalities within the RSU, namely, the City of Rockland and the Towns of Cushing, Owls Head, South Thomaston, and Thomaston, an attested copy of this warrant and notice of election. Service shall be in hand within three (3) days of the date of this warrant and notice of election. The municipal clerks of the above municipalities shall immediately notify the respective Municipal Officers. The Municipal Officers shall meet forthwith and countersign this warrant and notice of election. The Municipal Officers shall provide below for the respective municipal clerks to post or have posted this warrant and notice of election.

**TOWN OF CUSHING
RSU BUDGET REFERENDUM
WARRANT AND NOTICE OF ELECTION**

Knox County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: Lisa Young, Municipal Clerk of Cushing: You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify the voters of this municipality of the election described in this warrant and notice of election.

TO THE VOTERS OF CUSHING: You are hereby notified that a RSU Budget Referendum election will be held at the Cushing Community Center, 39 Cross Road in the Town of Cushing on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 for the purpose of determining the following articles:

Article 1A: To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 1: School Budget. Shall Regional School Unit No. 13 appropriate the sum of **\$33,047,900.00** and raise the sum of **\$26,768,121.76** for the 2021-2022 school budget?
School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.

VOTER INFORMATION FOR ARTICLE 1

The Regional School Unit No. 13 school budget submitted in this Article 1 totals **\$33,047,900.00**. It includes locally raised funds in the amount of **\$26,768,121.76**, to be assessed in shares to member municipalities in accordance with the RSU's cost sharing formula and state law. The locally raised amount exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$8,551,807.55**. This budget includes these cost centers and amounts:

Cost Center	Amount Appropriated
Regular Instruction	\$ 11,797,600.00
Special Education	\$ 7,809,600.00
Career and Technical Education	\$ 39,300.00
Other Instruction	\$ 632,850.00
Student and Staff Support	\$ 2,833,300.00
System Administration	\$ 828,500.00
School Administration	\$ 1,636,200.00
Transportation and Buses	\$ 1,593,600.00
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 3,311,350.00
Debt Service and Other Commitments	\$ 2,465,600.00
All Other Expenditures	\$ 100,000.00
Summary of Total Authorized School Budget Expenditures:	\$ 33,047,900.00

- Article 2: RSU Nutrition Program:** Shall the RSU be authorized to raise and appropriate \$300,000 for the school nutrition program with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the school nutrition program?
School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.
- Article 3: RSU Adult Ed Program.** Shall the RSU be authorized to appropriate \$295,500 for adult education and raise \$210,000 as the local share, with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program?
School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.
- Article 4: Cost Center Transfers.** Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer amounts exceeding 5% of the total appropriation for any cost center to another cost center or among other cost centers for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, provided that transfers shall not be permitted to increase the authorized total school budget?
School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.
- Article 5: Capital Reserve Fund.** Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer up to \$100,000 from available fund balances to the Capital Reserve Fund and to expend \$50,000 from said reserve fund for unanticipated minor capital projects?
School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.
- Article 6: New Special Education Reserve Fund.** Shall the School Board be authorized to establish a Special Education Reserve Fund to pay unexpected 1-time special education costs, and to transfer up to \$100,000 from available fund balances to said reserve fund?
School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.
- Article 7: Fuel Cost Stabilization Fund.** Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer up to \$50,000 to the fuel cost stabilization fund from year end available fund balances?

Statutory Disclosure Statement relating to Fuel Cost Stabilization Fund: The fuel cost stabilization fund balance is currently \$\$0. If this article is approved as written, the fuel cost stabilization fund balance will be \$50,000. The amount used from the fuel cost stabilization fund in the last three years through the date this article was prepared is as follows:

Fiscal year 2020-2021: Zero (no fund available)
Fiscal year 2019-2020: Zero (no fund available)
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School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.

Article 8: **CTE Region Budget.** Shall the Region 8 career and technical education operating budget as approved by the Region 8 Cooperative Board for the year beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 be approved in the amount of **\$5,446,304**?
The RSU's share of the Region 8 budget, including debt service, is \$554,740.06.

Article 9: **CTE Region Adult Ed Budget.** To see if Region 8 will appropriate **\$236,200.00** for Adult Education for the year beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 and raise **\$89,000.00** with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and well-being of its adult education program.
The RSU's share of Region 8's adult education budget is \$22,491.03.

The voting on Articles 1 through 9 shall be by secret ballot referendum. The polls will be opened immediately after election of the moderator following commencement of the meeting at **8:00 a.m.** and closed at **8:00 p.m.**

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.

Dated as of this May 6, 2021.

Susan A. Thomas

Mark R. [Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

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A majority of the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 13

A true copy of the Warrant and Notice of Election, attest:

Jennifer L. Colby
Jennifer L. Colby
Resident of
Regional School Unit No. 13

Countersigned this 10 day of May, 2021 at Cushing, Maine.

Alton Snow
Daniel Staples
Alex Ball

G. J. Cannon
Martha Marchant

A majority of the Municipal Officers of Cushing, Maine

A true copy of the Warrant and Notice of Election, attest:

Lisa Young
Lisa Young, Municipal Clerk
Cushing, Maine

STATE OF MAINE
 REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 13
 RSU BUDGET REFERENDUM
 OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE TOWN OF CUSHING
 JUNE 8, 2021

Chair of the School Board

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

Vote "yes" or "no" by making a cross (X) or check mark (✓) in the square of your choice at the left of each article.

Yes	No	<p>Article 1: School Budget. Shall Regional School Unit No. 13 appropriate the sum of \$33,047,900.00 and raise the sum of \$26,768,121.76 for the 2021-2022 school budget? <i>School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.</i></p>
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