

**ESSEX WESTFORD EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY
UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #51**

**PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING FOR
AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ARTICLES**

APRIL 6, 2021

The legal voters of the Essex Westford Educational Community Unified Union School District #51 (hereafter "Essex Westford School District") comprising the voters of the Village of Essex Junction, Essex Town, and the Town of Westford are hereby warned and notified of a public informational hearing on **Tuesday, April 6, 2021**, at 6:30 p.m. Pursuant to 17 V.S.A. §2680(g) the hearing is to provide voters information on the Articles listed below which will be voted by Australian Ballot at the Annual Meeting on April 13, 2021.

Voters and interested persons can access and participate in the meeting remotely by using this link: <http://bit.ly/budgethearingfy22> The meeting will be broadcast live on RETN and Facebook Live. The link and additional information will also be posted on the School District's website www.ewsd.org.

Article 4: To authorize the Essex Westford School District to borrow money to be used for the payment of District expenses by the issuance of notes or orders payable not later than one year from date of issuance pending receipt of payments from the State Education Fund.


Article 5: Shall the voters of the Essex Westford School District approve the school board to expend \$81,732,048 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,910 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 0.74% higher than spending for the current year.

Article 6: Shall the voters of the Essex Westford School District approve the school board to expend \$7,981,903 which is the amount the school board has determined necessary for the support of the Center for Technology, Essex for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021?

Article 7: Shall the voters of the Essex Westford School District authorize the school board to allocate the Center for Technology, Essex FY'20 audited fund balance of \$490,000, without effect upon the District tax levy as follows: assign \$154,744 as revenue for the Center of Technology, Essex 2021-2022 operating budget and assign the remaining balance, \$335,256 as revenue for future operating budgets?

Article 8: Shall the voters of the Essex Westford School District assign any remaining surplus from the FY'20 fiscal year to support unanticipated expenses in the FY '22 fiscal year which are due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic?

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John Sonnick, Clerk, Essex Westford School District