

**REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 13  
2021-2022 SCHOOL BUDGET  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO: Jennifer L. Colby, a resident of 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 required to notify the voters of each of the municipalities within the RSU, namely, the City of Rockland and the Towns of Cushing, Owls Head, South Thomaston, and Thomaston, that a RSU Public Hearing will be held by remote participation at 6:00 p.m. on May 20, 2021 for the purpose of public participation in and receipt of public comment on the proposed 2021-2022 school budget and on the referendum questions set forth below. Pursuant to Title 1, section 403-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, the School Board has determined that the hearing will be conducted by remote means and may be accessed by the public as follows:

To access the remote public hearing or to participate (provide comment/input): Follow the instructions to access and participate in the public hearing as provided on the Regional School Unit No. 13 website at: [www.rsu13.org](http://www.rsu13.org)

The following questions will be considered at a Regional School Unit No. 13 budget referendum election to be held on June 8, 2021.

**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
<b>Summary of Total Authorized School Budget Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$ 33,047,900.00</b>

**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)

Fiscal year 2018-2019: \$40,587.07

*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.*

Dated as of this May 6, 2021.


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

A true copy of the Notice of Public Hearing, attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer L. Colby, Resident  
Regional School Unit No. 13

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Knox County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: The School Board of Regional School Unit No. 13

I certify that I have posted an attested copy of the within Notice of Public Hearing in each of the municipalities within Regional School Unit No. 13 as follows:

	TIME(S)	DATE(S)	LOCATION(S)
Cushing			
Owls Head			
Rockland			
South Thomaston			
Thomaston			

being at least seven days prior to the RSU Budget Referendum Public Hearing and being public and conspicuous places in each of said municipalities.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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