

**State of New Hampshire
Merrimack Valley School District
WARRANT for
Annual District Meeting
March 5, 2026**

To the inhabitants of the pre-existing School Districts of Boscawen, Loudon, Penacook, Salisbury, and Webster comprising the Merrimack Valley School District, qualified to vote in Merrimack Valley School District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Merrimack Valley High School on Thursday the 5th day of March 2026 at seven o'clock in the evening to act on the following subjects. The polls will be open for balloting on Articles I and II from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. except as otherwise ordered at the meeting. All other articles will be acted upon commencing at 7:00 p.m.

ARTICLE I. To choose a moderator, by ballot, for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE II. To choose, by ballot, four school board members, one from the pre-existing District of Boscawen to serve for a term of three years; one from the pre-existing District of Loudon to serve for a term of three years; one from the pre-existing District of Penacook to serve for a term of three years; one At-Large member to serve for a term of three years. One elected candidate must be a resident of Boscawen, one elected candidate must be a resident of Loudon, one elected candidate must be a resident of Penacook, and the At-Large candidate may be from any of the five communities. All candidates will be elected at large.

ARTICLE III. Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Merrimack Valley School District on the second Tuesday in March? (By Petition) (3/5 Majority Ballot Vote Required)

ARTICLE IV. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-One Million, Eight Hundred Ninety-Three Thousand, Three Hundred Thirty dollars (\$51,893,330) for the support of schools, the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of said District. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. (Majority Vote Required) ***The School Board recommends this article.***

ARTICLE V. To see if the School District will approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Valley School Board and the Merrimack Valley Education Association, which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits:

2026-2027	\$ 765,708
2027-2028	\$ 692,098
2028-2029	\$ 667,602

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$765,708 for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. (Majority Vote Required) ***The School Board recommends this article.***

ARTICLE VI. Shall the School District, if Article V is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article V cost items only? (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE VII. Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict 100% of revenues from Out of District tuition payments for the Merrimack Valley Learning Center (MVLC) to expenditures for the purpose of maintenance, improvement, and renovation of the MVLC? Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the MVLC Improvement Fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue. (Majority Ballot Vote Required)

ARTICLE VIII. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund previously established for the purposes of supporting student services. (Majority Vote Required) ***The School Board recommends this article.***

ARTICLE IX. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to be added to the Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established for the purposes of maintaining school buildings and grounds. (Majority Vote Required) ***The School Board recommends this article.***

ARTICLE X. To see if the district will vote to authorize the SAU #46 School Board to update the district charter to allow the merger of the elementary grades (K-5) of Salisbury and Webster into a single, consolidated elementary school facility; and to further authorize the School Board to enter into necessary agreements and take all other actions necessary to effectuate this consolidation, to commence with the 2027/2028 school year, for the purpose of creating operational efficiencies, enhancing educational programming and the student learning experience, reducing administrative overhead, and providing equitable resources for all students in both communities. (By Petition) (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE XI. To raise and appropriate \$00.00 for the expenses of maintenance, renovations, repairs and improvements to the property known as the Washington Street School located at 26 Washington Street, Penacook NH 03303. No Merrimack Valley School District monies appropriated in the 2026-2027 budget, nor any monies appropriated in the 2026 school district warrant articles, nor any or any monies in trust funds, nor monies by transfer r of funds, nor any monies received by any means such as gifts or grants will not be expended for used maintenance, renovations, repairs or improvements to the property known as the Washington Street School located at 26 Washington Street, Penacook NH 03303. (By Petition) (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE XII. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hand at said Penacook this 4th day of February 2026.

Merrimack Valley School Board

Tracy-Anne Bricchi, Penacook (Chair)

Lorna Carlisle, Salisbury

David Nesbitt, Webster

Sally Hirsh-Dickinson, Penacook

Julia Jones, Salisbury

Melissa Muzzy, Webster (Vice-Chair)

Laura Vincent, Loudon

Jessica Wheeler Russell, At-Large

Amanda York , Loudon

Stacie Jarvis, Boscawen

Thomas Laliberte, Boscawen

