

**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
JAFFREY - RINDGE COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL ELECTION
RINDGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 11, 2025**

Leslie S. McLean
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this:
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR	RINDGE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER	AT-LARGE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
<small>Vote for not more than one</small> 1-Year Term <input type="radio"/>	<small>Vote for not more than one</small> 3-Year Term <input type="radio"/>	<small>Vote for not more than one</small> 3-Year Term <input type="radio"/>
ROBERT C. SCHAUMANN <input type="radio"/> 1115 <hr style="width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	CHRISTOPHER RATCLIFFE 908 <input type="radio"/> Jared Reini 544 <input type="radio"/> <hr style="width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"/> (Write-in)	JUDY WILSON FERSTENBERG <input type="radio"/> 1018 <hr style="width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"/> (Write-in)

ARTICLES

ARTICLE II: Shall the Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,895,000 for the design, construction, and equipping of a new Career and Technical Education Center addition and renovation at Conant Middle High School; to authorize the acceptance of \$16,046,000 of New Hampshire Regional Career and Technical Education (CTE) funding from the NH Department of Education (DOE) and not from local taxes; to authorize the School Board to apply for, obtain, accept and expend, any other federal, state or other aid and/or donations, if any, which may be available for said project and comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the issuance of not more than \$6,849,000 of bonds or notes in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33:1 et. seq., as amended); to authorize the School Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to further appropriate the additional sum of \$171,225 for the first year payment on the bond; and to authorize the School Board to take any other action in connection therewith or pass any other vote relative thereto? If the DOE CTE funding is less than \$16,046,000, the appropriation in this article will be reduced by the difference between the funding anticipated (\$16,046,000) and the actual funding the district receives and the project scope will be adjusted accordingly.

(This project has been approved for funding by the N.H. Department of Education. Pursuant to RSA 188-E:10, the legislature shall fund between 50% but not more than 75% of the eligible costs of a DOE approved CTE project. The district anticipates receiving 75% funding for eligible costs for the project (\$16,046,000). The district's financial obligation under this article is limited to the repayment of the bond amount authorized.)

*(3/5ths majority ballot vote required to pass)
(Recommended by the Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School Board by a vote of 6-0-0)*

Fiscal Year	Estimated Costs	Estimated Tax Impact Per \$1000 Assessment Jaffrey over the rate in 2025	Estimated Tax Impact Per \$1000 Assessment Rindge over the rate in 2025	
2025-26	\$171,225	\$0.15	\$0.12	611
2026-2027	\$891,573	\$0.79	\$0.61	YES <input type="radio"/>
2027-28	\$870,738	\$0.77 <small>(tax rate impact begins to decline each year)</small>	\$0.60 <small>(tax rate impact begins to decline each year)</small>	NO <input type="radio"/>

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*Estimated tax impact based on 10-year bond with 3.19% interest rate and 2024 assessment

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE III: Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$30,760,452? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$33,858,458, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of the revised operating budget only.
(Majority vote required)

(Not recommended by the Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School Board by a vote of 5-1-0)
(The estimated tax impact of passing this article is an increase of \$0.80 per \$1000 assessment for Jaffrey and an increase of \$0.18 per \$1000 assessment for Rindge. The estimated tax impact of not passing this article is an increase of \$3.58 per \$1000 assessment for Jaffrey and an increase of \$2.34 per \$1000 assessment for Rindge.) **1011**
YES
NO
This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant articles. **682**

ARTICLE IV: Shall the School District vote to ratify the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement modification reached between the Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School District and the Jaffrey-Rindge Education Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits to the amount previously approved by voters at the current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2025-26	\$20,776
2026-27	\$20,774

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and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,776 for the 2025-26 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels? **YES**
NO
875

(Majority vote required)
(Recommended by the Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School Board by a vote of 6-0-0)
(The estimated tax impact of passing this article for FY26 is an increase of \$0.02 per \$1000 assessment for Jaffrey and an increase of \$0.01 per \$1000 assessment for Rindge.)

ARTICLE V: Shall the School District, if Article IV is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article IV cost items only? **783**
YES
NO
(Majority vote required) **873**
(Recommended by the Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School Board by a vote of 6-0-0)

ARTICLE VI: Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate up to \$50,000 to be placed in the expendable trust fund established in 2005 known as the Special Education Contingency Fund, created for the purpose of building a reserve for unanticipated special education costs, with such amount to be funded from the June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1? **788**
YES
NO
870

(Majority vote required)
(Recommended by the Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School Board by a vote of 6-0-0)
(No additional tax impact)

ARTICLE VII: Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate up to \$400,000 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund created for the reconstruction and repair of real estate, buildings and capital equipment of the District established in 1990 and amended in 1999, with such amount to be funded from the June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1? **YES 790**
NO
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(Majority vote required)
(Recommended by the Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School Board by a vote of 6-0-0)
(No additional tax impact)

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