

WARRANT**STATE OF MAINE****Hancock ss:**

TO: Herman Bracy, a resident of Mount Desert Island Regional School District,
County of Hancock and State of Maine.

You are hereby required to warn and notify all persons, resident in said Mount Desert Island Regional School District and qualified by law to vote in District affairs, to meet at Mount Desert Island High School in said District on Wednesday, the 1st of April A.D., 2026, at six o'clock in the evening for the following purpose, to wit:

Article I To choose a moderator.

Article II To see what sum the Mount Desert Island Regional School District will be authorized to expend for **Regular Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

School Committee recommends **\$ 5,913,964**

Note: 2025-26 Amount was \$5,693,762

Article III To see what sum the Mount Desert Island Regional School District will be authorized to expend for **Special Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

School Committee recommends **\$ 3,081,463**

Note: 2025-26 Amount was \$ 2,767,829

Article IV To see what sum the Mount Desert Island Regional School District will be authorized to expend for **Career and Technical Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

School Committee recommends **\$ 30,000**

Note: 2025-26 Amount was \$ 50,000

Article V To see what sum the Mount Desert Island Regional School District will be authorized to expend for **Other Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

School Committee recommends **\$1,125,752**

Note: 2025-26 Amount was \$1,033,451

Article VI To see what sum the Mount Desert Island Regional School District will be authorized to expend for **Student & Staff Support** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

School Committee recommends **\$2,078,233**

Note: 2025-26 Amount was \$1,974,046

Article VII To see what sum the Mount Desert Island Regional School District will be authorized to expend for **System Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

School Committee recommends **\$ 354,689**

Note: 2025-26 Amount was \$ 331,046

Article VIII To see what sum the Mount Desert Island Regional School District will be authorized to expend for **School Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

School Committee recommends **\$ 908,681**

Note: 2025-26 Amount was \$ 866,444

Article IX To see what sum the Mount Desert Island Regional School District will be authorized to expend for **Transportation & Buses** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

School Committee recommends **\$ 535,534**

Note: 2025-26 Amount was \$ 648,727

Article X To see what sum the Mount Desert Island Regional School District will be authorized to expend for **Facilities Maintenance** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

School Committee recommends **\$ 5,264,931**

Note: 2025-26 Amount was \$2,507,560

Article XI To see what sum the Mount Desert Island Regional School District will be authorized to expend for **Debt Service and Other Commitments** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

School Committee recommends **\$ -0-**

Note: 2025-26 Amount was \$ -0-

Article XII To see what sum the Mount Desert Island Regional School District will be authorized to expend for **All Other Expenditures** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

School Committee recommends **\$ 150,000**

Note: 2025-26 Amount was \$ 150,000

Note: Articles II – XII authorize a total budget of \$ 19,443,247

Note: 2025-26 Amount was \$ 16,022,865

Article XIII To see what sum Mount Desert Island Regional School District will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from grade 9 to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the District will raise and assess as each municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from grade 9 to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688 for the period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

Recommended amounts set forth below:

Total Appropriated (by Municipality)	Total Raised (*District Assessment by Municipality)
Bar Harbor \$2,659,025	Bar Harbor \$1,921,414
Mount Desert \$1,215,633	Mount Desert \$1,674,604
Southwest Hbr \$ 927,065	Southwest Hbr \$ 733,613
Tremont \$ 726,395	Tremont \$ 538,405
School District	School District
Total Appropriated \$5,528,118	Total Raised \$ 4,868,036

** District Assessment by Municipality is calculated per the School District's enabling statute.*

Explanation: The MDI Regional School District's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from grade 9 to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the district must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

Article XIV To see what sum Mount Desert Island Regional School District will raise for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the District for non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state funded portions of school construction projects and minor capital projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of Mount Desert Island Regional School District's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from grade 9 to grade 12.

Recommended: \$ 101,099

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the Mount Desert Island Regional School District's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects, and minor capital renovation projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was approved by the voters or the Board of Trustees, as applicable.

Article XV To see what sum Mount Desert Island Regional School District will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes (Recommend: \$7,792,940) for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (Recommend: \$7,792,940) as required to fund the operating and capital budgets recommended by the school committee and board of trustees.

Written Vote Required

The school committee recommends \$7,792,940 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$7,792,940. The State funding model underestimates the actual costs to fully fund the 2026-2027 budget.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Mount Desert Island Regional School District's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from grade 9 to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual debt service payment on non-state-funded school construction projects that will help achieve Mount Desert Island Regional School District's budget for educational programs.

Article XVI To see what sum Mount Desert Island Regional School District will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 from the Mount Desert Island Regional School District's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from grade 9 to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy, and other receipts for the support of schools.

Recommended: \$ 19,443,247

Note: 2025-26 Amount was \$16,022,865

Article XVII To see what sum Mount Desert Island Regional School District will appropriate for adult education (Recommended \$287,536) and to see what sum Mount Desert Island Regional School District will raise as the local share for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027; with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program.

Recommended: \$ 150,000

Note: 2025-26 Amount was \$ 150,000

Note: Articles XIII, XIV, XV & XVII will raise total local assessment of \$12,912,075
Note: 2025-26 Amount was \$12,380,774

Article XVIII In addition to the amount in Article II - XII and XVII, shall the District appropriate and authorize the School Committee to expend additional state, federal and other funds received during the fiscal year 2026-2027 for school purposes, provided that such additional funds do not require the expenditure of local funds not previously appropriated?

School Committee recommends passage

Note: Current Year Estimate = \$ 385,096

Article XIX Shall Mount Desert Island Regional School District authorize the School Committee to transfer \$35,000 from the Bus Reserve Fund to the operating budget for FY 2026-2027 for partial funding of the school bus leases, which amount is included in Article IX and Article XVI above?

School Committee recommends passage.

Article XX Shall Mount Desert Island Regional School District authorize the School Committee and Board of Trustees to transfer up to \$2,500,000 from the Capital Outlay/ Maintenance Reserve Fund to the operating budget for FY 2026-2027 for partial funding of the track replacement, which amount is included in Article X and Article XVI above?

School Committee recommends passage.

**Budget Summary
Detailed Budget Explanation**

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Operating Budget Expenses

1. Regular Instruction	<u>\$ 5,913,964</u>
2. Special Education	<u>3,081,463</u>
3. Career & Technical Education	<u>30,000</u>
4. Other Instruction, including Summer School & Extracurricular	<u>1,125,752</u>
5. Student & Staff Support	<u>2,078,233</u>
6. System Administration	<u>354,689</u>
7. School Administration	<u>908,681</u>
8. Transportation & Buses	<u>535,534</u>

9. Facilities Maintenance(Operating)	<u>1,714,931</u>
10. All Other Expenditures	<u>150,000</u>

Total proposed operating expenses \$15,893,247

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Capital Budget Expenses

Bonds and Notes (Debt Service)

Principal (Summer Project)	\$ <u>100,000</u>
Interest (Summer Project)	\$ <u>1,099</u>

Additions and Improvements

(Facilities Maintenance – Capital) \$ 3,448,901

Total Capital expenses \$3,550,000

Total High School Budget \$19,443,247

Less Anticipated Receipts:

Carryover	\$ 1,437,672
State Subsidy	650,000
NBCT Stipend	6,000
Tuition	1,900,000
Transfer fr Bus Reserve	35,000
Transfer fr Maint Reserve	2,500,000
Spec. Ed. Tuition	100,000
AOS #91 Rent	7,500
Interest Income	25,000
Sports Events Revenue	10,000
Drama Events Revenue	<u>10,000</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 6,681,172</u>
Local Tax Request	<u>\$12,762,075</u>

To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT to make return of the Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Secretary of the Regional School Committee, on or before the time of said meeting.

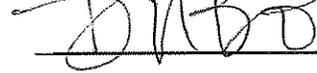
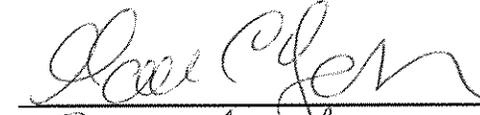
Given under our hands at Bar Harbor this 9th day of March A.D., 2026.



Susan Allen, Chairperson
MDI Regional School Committee

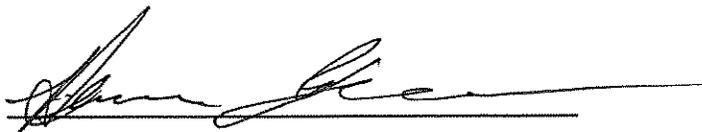


Robert Jordan, Jr., Chairperson
MDIHS District Trustees



Members – MDI Regional School Committee

A True Copy Attest:



Resident