



**ABSENTEE  
OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL ELECTION  
EXETER SCHOOL DISTRICT  
EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 10, 2026**

*Susan E.H. Pendroth*  
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- To Vote:** Completely fill in the oval  to the right of your choice like this:  . For each office vote for up to the number of candidates stated in the sentences: "Vote for not more than 1;" or "Vote for up to X;" "X will be elected." If you vote for more than the stated number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted.
- To Vote by Write-in:** To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write in the name of the person in the "write-in" space and completely fill in the oval  to the right of the "write-in" space like this  .

<b>FOR EXETER SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>FOR EXETER SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER</b>
For Term Ending 2029 Election	For Term Ending 2029 Election
Vote for not more than 1	Vote for not more than 1
<b>SEARISKAW "SHONNI" HOLMES</b> <input type="radio"/>	<b>NEIL BLEICKEN</b> <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>

**SCHOOL ARTICLES**

**Article 01 Operating Budget**

The average cost-per-pupil for the preceding year as calculated in accordance with RSA 189:75, I (a) is \$29,440. ELA Proficiency: 69%; Math Proficiency: 71%; Science Proficiency: 62%.

Shall the Exeter 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 \$28,628,762? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$28,050,430, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Exeter 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 a revised operating budget only. The School Board recommends \$28,628,762. (Majority vote required)

YES

NO

**Article 02 Collective Bargaining Agreement**

Shall the school district vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Exeter School District and the Exeter Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

Fiscal Year Estimated Increase

2027 \$473,440  
2028 \$492,190  
2029 \$472,450

and further to raise and appropriate \$473,440 for the current 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. The School Board recommends that the School District approve these cost items and make the appropriation of \$473,440. (Majority vote required)

YES

NO

**Article 03 Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Exeter School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$50,000 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Trust Fund previously established in 2002 for the cost of construction, reconstruction, or acquisition of school buildings and/or school ground site improvements, including associated engineering and architectural fees at the Exeter School District? This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No additional amount to be raised from taxation. The Exeter School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

YES

NO

**Article 04 Special Education Expendable Trust**

Shall the Exeter School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$75,000 to be placed in the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund previously established for the unanticipated special education costs at the Exeter School District? This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No additional amount to be raised from taxation. The Exeter School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

YES

NO