## Town of St. George School Budget Meeting 6:30 p.m. May 22, 2019 at the St. George Elementary School

To: Tara Elwell, a resident of the Town of St. George, in the County of Knox, State of Maine.

Greetings: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of St. George in Knox County in the State of Maine, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the St. George Elementary School at 6:30 PM the 22nd day of May 2019 to act upon the following articles to wit:

# St. George Municipal School Unit Budget Articles for Fiscal Year 19 (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020)

ARTICLE A: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE B: To choose "Rules of Order" to conduct the meeting.

## ARTICLES 1 THROUGH 11 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES BY COST CENTERS

ARTICLE 1: To see what sum the St. George Municipal School Unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

#### School Committee Recommends \$2,763,223.20

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum the St. George Municipal School Unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

## School Committee Recommends \$1,346,767.12

#### **ARTICLE 3:**

To see what sum the St. George Municipal School Unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

## School Committee Recommends \$8,199.65

ARTICLE 4: To see what sum the St. George Municipal School Unit Town of St. George will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

## School Committee Recommends \$58,987.29

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the St. George Municipal School Unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

## School Committee Recommends \$380,790.92

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum the St. George Municipal School Unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

## School Committee Recommends \$314,064.59

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the St. George Municipal School Unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

### School Committee Recommends \$165,407.61

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum the St. George Municipal School Unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

## School Committee Recommends \$462,153.25

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum the St. George Municipal School Unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

## School Committee Recommends \$571,703.95

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum the St. George Municipal School Unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

## School Committee Recommends \$140,007.60

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum the St. George Municipal School Unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

## School Committee Recommends \$0

## ARTICLES 12 THROUGH 14 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Municipal School Unit Contribution to Total Cost of Funding Public Education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690)

ARTICLE 12. Shall the Town of St. George appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (Recommend \$3,113,330.75) and to see what sum the Town of St. George will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten 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.

## School Committee Recommends \$2,658,911.82

"Explanation: The school municipal unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten 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 a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars."

Appropriation for Non-state-funded Debt Service Allocation (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690)

ARTICLE 13: To see what sum the Town of St. George will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the legislative body for non-state-funded school construction projects, or non-state-funded portions of school construction projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the school municipal unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12.

## School Committee Recommends \$140,007.60

"Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the municipality long-term debt for major capital school construction projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the voters or other legislative body."

Appropriation of Additional Local Funds (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690)

ARTICLE 14: To see what sum the Town of St. George will raise and appropriate in additional funds (recommend \$2,544,966.81), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (recommend \$2,544,966.81) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee?

The School Committee recommends \$2,544,966.81 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$2,544,966.81: The Essential Programs and Services funding model does not recognize all educational costs such as: 1) special education, extra-curricular and co-curricular costs; 2) costs of transportation of students over long distances as we have in the District; and 3) increased health insurance and benefits costs.

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

## ARTICLE 15 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 15: To see what sum the Town of St. George will authorize the St. George Municipal School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 from the municipal school contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten 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.

## School Committee Recommends \$6,211,305.16

## ARTICLE 16: RAISES AND APPROPRIATES FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL NUTRITIONAL PROGRAM.

Article 16: To see if the St. George Municipal School Unit will raise and appropriate \$83,771.17 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 Committee Recommends \$83,771.17

## ARTICLES 17 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

ARTICLE 17: In addition to amounts approved in the proceeding articles, shall the St. George Municipal School Unit be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

#### ARTICLE 18 AUTHORIZES THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION BUDGET

Article 18: Shall the regional career and technical operating budget as approved by the Region 8 Cooperative Board for the year beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 be approved in the amount of \$5,401,068?

Local share from this school district is: \$8,199.65

## ARTICLE 19: AUTHORIZES THE ADULT VOCATIONAL EDUCATION REGIONAL PROGRAMS BUDGET FOR THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL REGION

Article 19: To see if the career and technical education region will appropriate \$221,003 for Adult Education for the year beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 and raise \$86,250 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, and shall St. George Municipal School Unit raise and appropriate \$3,821.22 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 Committee Recommends \$3,821.22

# ARTICLE 20: AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE FROM THE MINOR CAPITAL RESERVE $\underline{\text{ACCOUNT}}$

Article 20: Shall the St. George Municipal School Unit be authorized to expend \$30,000 from the Minor Capital Reserve Account to pay costs in the 2018-2019 fiscal year to install two new propane boilers at the St. George School?

The proposed St. George Municipal School Unit budget was adopted by the School Committee on	
May 1, 2019.	/
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## Select Board, Town of St. George CITIZEN'S RETURN

Tara Elwell

Resident of the Town of St George