

ST. GEORGE MUNICIPAL SCHOOL UNIT 2020-2021 SCHOOL BUDGET NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO: Tara Elwell, a resident of St. George Municipal School Unit (the “School”) composed of Town of St. George, State of Maine.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify the voters of each of the municipalities within the School, namely, Town of St. George, that a School Public Hearing will be held by remote participation on June 30, 2020 at 6:30 pm for the purpose of public participation in and receipt of public comment on the proposed 2020-2021 school budget and on the referendum questions set forth below. Pursuant to Title 1, section 403-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, the School Board has determined that the hearing will be conducted by remote means and may be accessed by the public as follows:

To access the remote public hearing or to participate (provide comment/input): Follow the instructions to access and participate in the public hearing as provided on the St. George Municipal School Unit website at: <https://www.stgeorgemsu.org/>

The following questions will be considered at a St. George Municipal School Unit budget referendum election to be held on July 14, 2020.

Question 1: **School Budget.** Shall the Town of St. George appropriate the sum of **\$6,178,801.51** and raise the sum of **\$5,295,241.87** for the 2020-2021 school budget?
School Board Recommends a “Yes” Vote.

VOTER INFORMATION FOR QUESTION 1

The St. George Municipal School Unit school budget submitted in this Question 1 totals **\$6,178,801.51**. It includes locally raised funds in the amount of **\$5,295,241.87**, to be assessed in shares to member municipalities in accordance with the Town’s cost sharing formula and state law. The locally raised amount exceeds the maximum state and local spending target by **\$2,271,628.70**. This budget includes these cost centers and amounts:

| Cost Center | Amount Appropriated |
|--|------------------------|
| Regular Instruction | \$ 2,948,693.93 |
| Special Education | \$ 1,276,364.55 |
| Career and Technical Education | \$ 10,803.37 |
| Other Instruction | \$ 53,808.55 |
| Student and Staff Support | \$ 381,190.05 |
| System Administration | \$ 342,748.17 |
| School Administration | \$ 172,154.53 |
| Transportation and Buses | \$ 415,786.04 |
| Facilities Maintenance | \$ 443,508.71 |
| Debt Service and Other Commitments | \$ 133,743.61 |
| All Other Expenditures | \$ 0.00 |
| Summary of Total Authorized School Budget Expenditures: | \$ 6,178,801.51 |

- Question 2:** **Cost Center Transfers.** Shall the School Committee be authorized to transfer amounts exceeding 5% of the total appropriation for any cost center to another cost center or among other cost centers for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, provided that transfers shall not be permitted to increase the authorized total school budget?
School Board Recommends a “Yes” Vote.
- Question 3:** **School Nutrition Program:** Shall the Town be authorized to raise and appropriate \$92,263.88 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 Board Recommends a “Yes” Vote.
- Question 4:** **Minor Capital Reserve Fund.** Shall the School Committee be authorized to transfer up to \$100,000 from undesignated fund balances to the Minor Capital Reserve Fund?
School Board Recommends a “Yes” Vote.
- Question 5:** **New Transportation Reserve Fund.** Shall the School Committee be authorized to establish a Transportation Reserve Fund for unanticipated transportation costs; to transfer up to \$50,000 from undesignated fund balances to said reserve fund; and to expend up to \$50,000 from said reserve fund for unanticipated transportation costs that may arise or be related to COVID-19?
School Board Recommends a “Yes” Vote.
- Question 6:** **New Food Service Reserve Fund.** Shall the School Committee be authorized to establish a Food Service Reserve Fund for unanticipated food service costs; to transfer up to \$30,000 from undesignated fund balances to said reserve fund; and to expend up to \$30,000 from said reserve fund for unanticipated food service costs that may arise or be related to COVID-19?
School Board Recommends a “Yes” Vote.
- Question 7:** **New Instructional Reserve Fund.** Shall the School Committee be authorized to establish an Instructional Reserve Fund for unanticipated instructional costs; to transfer up to \$50,000 from undesignated fund balances to said reserve fund; and to expend up to \$50,000 from said reserve fund for unanticipated instructional costs that may arise or be related to COVID-19?
School Board Recommends a “Yes” Vote.
- Question 8:** **CTE Region Budget.** Shall the regional career and technical operating budget as approved by the Region 8 Cooperative Board for the year beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 be approved in the amount of \$5,644,046? **School Board Recommends a “Yes” Vote.**

Question 9: **CTE Region Adult Ed Budget.** Shall the career and technical education region appropriate \$228,723 for Adult Education for the year beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and raise \$86,750 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 the Town of St. George raise and appropriate \$3,849.01 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.

Dated as of this June 10th, 2020.

Jennifer Garrett
Jennifer Garrett (Jun 11, 2020 19:35 EDT)
Jennifer Garrett, Chair
Shasta R Minery
Shasta R Minery (Jun 11, 2020 19:31 EDT)
Shasta Minery
Emily Chadwick
Emily Chadwick (Jun 11, 2020 22:34 EDT)
Emily Chadwick

Alane Kennedy
Alane Kennedy
Kristin Falla
Kristin Saunders - Falla (Jun 11, 2020 17:36 EDT)
Kristin Falla

A majority of the School Board of St. George Municipal School Unit

A true copy of the Notice of Public Hearing, attest: Tara Elwell
Tara Elwell, Resident
St. George Municipal School Unit