

**REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 57
2020-2021 SCHOOL BUDGET AND MINOR CAPITAL PROJECT REFERENDUM
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO: Jessica N. Carll, a resident of Regional School Unit No. 57 (the “Regional School Unit”) composed of the Towns of Alfred, Limerick, Lyman, Newfield, Shapleigh, and Waterboro, 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 Regional School Unit, namely, the Towns of Alfred, Limerick, Lyman, Newfield, Shapleigh, and Waterboro, that a Regional School Unit Public Hearing will be held by remote participation at 7:00 p.m. on June 24, 2020 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 Regional School Unit No. 57 website at: <https://www.rsu57.org/>

The following questions will be considered at a Regional School Unit No. 57 Budget and Minor Capital Project Referendum election to be held on July 14, 2020.

Question 1: School Budget. Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 appropriate the sum of **\$44,968,547** and raise the sum of **\$27,105,948** for the 2020-2021 school budget?
(The Board of Directors recommends a Yes vote.)

VOTER INFORMATION FOR QUESTION 1

The Regional School Unit No. 57 school budget submitted in this Question 1 totals **\$44,968,547**. It includes locally raised funds in the amount of **\$27,105,948**, to be assessed in shares to member municipalities in accordance with the RSU’s cost sharing formula and state law. The locally raised amount exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$5,998,727**. This budget includes these cost centers and amounts:

Cost Center	Amount Appropriated
Regular Instruction	\$ 17,419,229
Special Education	\$ 7,194,894
Career and Technical Education	\$ 47,500
Other Instruction	\$ 1,042,716
Student and Staff Support	\$ 4,515,892
System Administration	\$ 889,936
School Administration	\$ 2,144,251
Transportation and Buses	\$ 3,707,810
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 6,281,697
Debt Service and Other Commitments	\$ 1,479,622
All Other Expenditures	\$ 245,000
Summary of Total Authorized School Budget Expenditures:	\$ 44,968,547

Question 2: RSU Adult Ed Program. Shall the Regional School Unit be authorized to appropriate **\$358,201** for the Massabesic Center for Adult Learning and raise **\$172,576** as the local share for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, with

authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program.

(The Board of Directors recommends a Yes vote.)

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(The Board of Directors recommends a Yes vote.)

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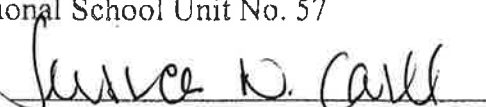
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