

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 2
Dresden * Farmingdale * Hallowell * Monmouth * Richmond
 7 Reed Street, Hallowell, ME 04347

To the Citizens of RSU 2:

I am pleased to present to you the details of the '20-'21 school budget, which was approved by the Board of Directors on June 8. Our goal in developing the budget was to balance providing an excellent education to students and maintaining fiscal responsibility to taxpayers.

Our students have been significantly affected by the COVID-19 disruption. We must anticipate the need to address gaps in learning and social-emotional needs when they return in the fall. And we must anticipate added costs related to safety measures that we will need to implement. Finally, we must consider the possibility of a curtailment of funds from the state. The 2020-21 budget is as lean as it can be without making cuts to existing programs, services, and personnel, which would limit our ability to meet the needs of our students.

The RSU 2 communities depend on high quality schools. The educational system is one of the first things prospective families and other residents look at when deciding to move to an area. Parents want safe schools, great teachers, effective leadership, and engaging learning experiences for their children. Prospective business owners want thriving communities that value education, and they want to be able to count on a reliable workforce.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
 Mary Paine
 Acting Superintendent, RSU 2

Town	Local Fund Allocation	Local Additional	TOTAL LOCAL
Dresden	\$1,122,841.34	\$646,384.78	\$1,769,226.12
Farmingdale	\$1,777,786.66	\$1,023,042.08	\$2,800,828.74
Hallowell	\$2,038,592.34	\$1,173,224.41	\$3,211,816.75
Monmouth	\$3,280,316.34	\$1,887,491.61	\$5,167,807.95
Richmond	\$2,219,506.66	\$1,277,150.59	\$3,496,657.25
	\$10,439,043.34	\$6,007,293.46	\$16,446,336.80

RSU #2 Enrollment per City/Town as of April 1, 2020 [FTE]

	Dresden	Farmingdale	Hallowell	Monmouth	Richmond	Tuition Students
PreK-5	83.5	268	121	264.5	206.0	
6-8	32	105	50	153.0	98.0	
9-12	32	110	69	194.0	153.0	53
Total	147.5	483	240	611.5	457.0	53



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RSU 2
VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020
6:00 PM



All Citizens of Regional School Unit No. 2 are invited to participate in the Virtual Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 beginning at 6:00 PM

Zoom login:

Topic: RSU2 Budget Hearing 6/23/20
Time: Jun 23, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://networkmaine.zoom.us/j/81784976241>

Meeting ID: 817 8497 6241
One tap mobile
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+1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

Due to COVID-19 restrictions to participation at public meetings, RSU 2 will not hold a Regional Public Meeting. All RSU 2 registered voters are encouraged to vote on the school budget for the 2020-2021 year on July 14, 2020.

The Budget Validation Referendum will take place on July 14, 2020: Dresden at the Pownalborough Hall, Farmingdale at Hall-Dale High School, Hallowell at Hall-Dale Elementary School, Monmouth at Monmouth Academy and Richmond at Richmond Town Office, 26 Gardiner Street

**REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 2
2020-2021 SCHOOL BUDGET NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO: Susan Corbett, a resident of Regional School Unit No. 2 (the “Regional School Unit”) composed of the City of Hallowell and the Towns of Dresden, Farmingdale, Monmouth, and Richmond, 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 Regional School Unit No.2, namely, the City of Hallowell and the Towns of Dresden, Farmingdale, Monmouth and Richmond, that a Regional School Unit Public Hearing will be held by remote participation at 6:00 p.m. on June 23, 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 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. 2 website at: <https://www.kidsrsu.org/>

**ARTICLES 1 THROUGH 11 AUTHORIZE
EXPENDITURES IN COST
CENTER CATEGORIES**

ARTICLE 1: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction. **School Board Recommends \$11,856,899.67**

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education. **School Board Recommends \$5,011,302.42**

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education. **School Board Recommends \$0.00**

ARTICLE 4: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction. **School Board Recommends \$929,285.28**

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support. **School Board Recommends \$2,908,400.32**

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration. **School Board Recommends \$760,320.02**

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration. **School Board Recommends \$1,671,241.69**

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses. **School Board Recommends \$1,652,857.61**

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance. **School Board Recommends \$4,001,577.78**

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments. **School Board Recommends \$2,695,180.35**

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures. **School Board Recommends \$134,421.61**



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

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and assess as each 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. **Recommended amounts set forth below:**

Total Appropriated (by municipality):	Total raised (and Regional School Unit assessments by municipality):
Town of Dresden: \$ 2,145,371.61	Town of Dresden: \$ 1,122,841.34
Town of Farmingdale: \$ 5,544,353.15	Town of Farmingdale: \$ 1,777,786.66
City of Hallowell: \$ 3,324,103.09	City of Hallowell: \$ 2,038,592.34
Town of Monmouth: \$ 7,290,075.11	Town of Monmouth: \$ 3,280,316.34
Town of Richmond: \$ 5,533,290.33	Town of Richmond: \$ 2,219,506.66
Regional School Unit Total Appropriated (Sum of above) \$ 23,837,193.29	School Regional School Unit Total Raised: (Sum of above) \$ 10,439,043.34

Explanation: The Regional School 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 the Regional School Unit must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

ARTICLE 13: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the Regional School Unit voters 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 Regional School Unit’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12. **School Board Recommends \$33,460.79**

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the Regional School Unit’s 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 Regional School Unit voters.

ARTICLE 14: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$5,973,832.67**), which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$5,937,293.46**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model:
1. Cost of maintaining Teacher – Student ratios
2. Cost of maintaining Co- and Extra- Curricular programs
3. Transportation

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Regional School 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 Regional School Unit budget for educational programs.

**ARTICLE 15 SUMMARIZES THE
PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

ARTICLE 15: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will authorize the Regional School Unit Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 from the Regional School 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, 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 Board Recommends \$31,621,486.75**

**FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS
AND PRIVACY ACT – NOTIFICATION**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age certain rights with respect to the student’s education records.

They are in annotated form:

- The right to inspect and review the student’s education records within 45 days.
- The right to request the amendment of student’s education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading.
- The right to consult to disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.
- The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by RSU #2 to comply with the requirements of FERPA.

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20202-4605

RSU #2 maintains a more extensive policy on education records. That policy can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at 622-6351 or you may obtain a copy of policy JRA by visiting the policy section of our website at www.kidsrsu.org.

PUBLIC HEARING PART 2: REFERENDUM QUESTION

The following school budget and other questions will be submitted to referendum on July 14, 2020:

Question 1: **School Budget.** Shall Regional School Unit No. 2 appropriate the sum of \$31,621,486.75 and raise the sum of \$16,466,336.80 for the 2020-2021 school budget?

RSU 2 Board of Directors:

- Jon Hamann, Chair (Monmouth)
- Russ Hughes, Vice-Chair (Richmond)
- Chris Asch, (Hallowell)
- Jay Brown (Richmond)
- Leanne Burnham (Monmouth)
- Dawn Gallagher, (Hallowell)
- Jim Grandahl (Monmouth)
- Jon Lambert (Farmingdale)
- Linda Leet (Farmingdale)
- Kathryn Marseglia (Dresden)
- Mark Pearson (Richmond)
- Jeff Pierce (Dresden)



Revenue	2019-2020 BUDGET	2020-2021 PROPOSED BUDGET	DOLLAR INCREASE / DECREASE
LOCAL REVENUE			
Foundation Allocation	10,301,976.00	10,439,043.34	137,067.34
Local Additional	5,411,003.23	6,007,293.46	596,290.23
Tuition	400,000.00	400,000.00	0.00
Rental/Gate Receipts/Interest			
Inc/Dividends	91,000.00	92,000.00	1,000.00
Special Education Medicaid	75,000.00	25,000.00	(50,000.00)
Spec. Ed. State Agency Client	20,000.00	10,000.00	(10,000.00)
Balance Forward	750,000.00	750,000.00	0.00
Local Additional Credit		500,000.00	500,000.00
Sub Total Local Revenue	17,048,979.23	18,223,336.80	1,174,357.57
STATE REVENUE			
State Subsidy	13,515,401.32	13,398,149.95	(117,251.37)
TOTAL REVENUES	30,564,380.55	31,621,486.75	1,057,106.20

Expenditures	2019-2020 BUDGET	2020-2021 PROPOSED BUDGET	DOLLAR INCREASE / DECREASE
REGULAR INSTRUCTION			
Teachers, Ed. Techs., Bilingual, Alternative Ed., Instructional Supplies, Professional Development, Training	11,497,834.04	11,856,899.67	359,065.63
SPECIAL EDUCATION			
Teachers, Ed. Techs., Spec. Ed. Administration, Social Worker, Psychological, Speech, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Out-of-District Programming	4,793,380.57	5,011,302.42	217,921.85
CAREER AND TECH. EDUCATION			
Vocational School Instruction and Early College Enrollment	0.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER INSTRUCTION			
Summer School and Intervention, Co and Extra Curriculum	911,987.18	929,285.28	17,298.10
STUDENT AND STAFF SUPPORT			
Guidance, Library, Nurses, Curriculum, Technology, Assessment	2,708,265.24	2,908,400.32	200,135.08
SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION			
Board of Directors and Central Office	739,858.99	760,320.02	20,461.03
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION			
Principals and Secretaries	1,583,490.50	1,671,241.69	87,751.19
TRANSPORTATION			
Student Transportation	1,622,220.43	1,652,857.61	30,637.18
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE			
Custodians, Maintenance, Repairs, Heat, Water, Sewer, Property Ins., Rubbish, Electricity, Telephone, Safety	3,855,869.88	4,001,577.78	145,707.90
DEBT SERVICE			
School Construction Debt	2,783,154.77	2,695,180.35	(87,974.42)
ALL OTHER EXPENDITURES			
School Nutrition Support	68,318.95	134,421.61	66,102.66
TOTAL BUDGET	30,564,380.55	31,621,486.75	1,057,106.20