

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
HILLSBOROUGH, SS.**

FRANCESTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Francestown Independent School District in the Town of Francestown, County of Hillsborough, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in School District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Francestown Elementary School, 325 2nd NH Turnpike South, Francestown, New Hampshire, on **Saturday, August 8, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.**, to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: ELECTION OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

To choose the following officers of the Francestown Independent School District to serve until the annual school district election in March 2027 and until their successors are elected and qualified:

- **Three (3) School Board Members;**
- **One (1) Moderator;**
- **One (1) Clerk; and**
- **One (1) Treasurer.**

The elected School Board Members shall constitute the governing body of the Francestown Independent School District and shall exercise all powers and duties authorized by law. The School Board Members elected under this article shall serve until the annual school district election in March 2027, at which time successors shall be elected in accordance with applicable law and the approved withdrawal plan.

The Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer elected under this article shall serve until the annual school district election in March 2027 and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Candidates shall be nominated from the floor, and voting shall be conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of New Hampshire law.

Majority vote required.

ARTICLE 2: OPERATING APPROPRIATION

To see if the Francestown Independent School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)** for the purpose of funding the organizational, administrative, legal, financial, and operational expenses of the Francestown Independent School District through June 30, 2027, including but not limited to professional services, legal counsel, auditing, financial administration, insurance, policy development, elections, communications, and other costs necessary to establish and operate the District pending the commencement of full educational operations on July 1, 2027; and further to authorize the Francestown Independent School District School Board to expend said funds for such purposes. This appropriation shall be funded by taxation.

Recommended by the School Board: 2 Yes No 1 Absent

Majority vote required.

ARTICLE 3: ESTABLISHMENT OF A RETAINED FUND BALANCE

Shall the Francestown Independent School District, pursuant to RSA 198:4-b, establish a Retained Fund Balance for the purpose of carrying forward unassigned year-end funds to be used for future lawful school district purposes?

The School District may retain, from year to year, an amount not to exceed five percent (5%) of the current fiscal year's net assessment, as defined by RSA 198:4-b. Any amount in excess of the allowable retained fund balance shall be used to reduce the tax rate as otherwise required by law.

The School Board is authorized to expend funds from the Retained Fund Balance for lawful school district purposes, subject to applicable provisions of New Hampshire law.

Recommended by the School Board: 2 Yes No 1 Absent

Majority vote required.

ARTICLE 4: ESTABLISHMENT OF AN SAU WITHDRAWAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Shall the Francestown Independent School District, in accordance with RSA 194-C:2, approve the creation of a planning committee to conduct an analysis of the educational and fiscal benefits and costs of being part of School Administrative Unit No. 1 (SAU #1), and to study the advisability of withdrawing from SAU #1 and establishing a new school administrative unit, including its organization, operation, and control?

The planning committee shall be constituted in accordance with RSA 194-C:2 and shall serve for a term ending one year from the date of appointment unless sooner dissolved in accordance with law.

Recommended by the School Board: 2 Yes No 1 Absent

Majority vote required.

Approved on June 24, 2026 by:



Laura Mafera, FISD School Board Chair



David Stahlin, FISD School Board Vice Chair

Pat Troy, FISD School Board Member