



Thornton Local School

The inhabitants of the School District of Thornton Local School in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in School District affairs are hereby notified that the Annual School District Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, March 7, 2024
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Thornton Central School

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before _____, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at Northway Bank and Town Offices and that an original was delivered to the keeper of the records.

Name	Position	Signature
Tara Di Salvo	School Board Chairperson	
Mark Fischler	School Board Member	
Matt Hesser	School Board Member	
Joanne Marcotte	School Board Member	
Matt McDermott	School Board Member	

Article 01 Reports of agents, auditors, committees or officer

To see what action the School District will take relative to the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers.

Yes No

Article 02 Performance Energy Management Project

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Million Five Hundred Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$4,519,318) for the replacement of boilers, lighting, HVAC equipment, and other building energy improvement measures, and to authorize the issuance of not more than Four Million Seven Thousand One Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$4,007,118) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) to come from Federal Grants, Fifty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$59,700) to come from utility rebates; One Hundred Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$102,500) to come from general taxation. Recommendations required (3/5 ballot vote required).

Yes No

Article 03 Fund Balance to Capital Reserve

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the School Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. The School Board Recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Yes No



Article 04 Teachers Collective Bargaining Agreement

To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Thornton School Board and the Thornton Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2024-2025	\$160,904
2025-2026	\$179,474
2026-2027	\$181,426

and further to raise and appropriate One Hundred Sixty Thousand Nine Hundred Four Dollars (\$160,904) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. The School Board Recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Yes No

Article 05 Contingency Fund

To see if the School District will vote to establish a contingency fund in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated 198:4-b, such contingency fund to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year and, further, to see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for such contingency fund. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Yes No

Article 06 Operating Budget

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Five Million Eight Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Six dollars (\$5,895,436) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Yes No

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WARRANT ARTICLE EXPLANATIONS

- Article 1: This article asks the voters to accept for the historical record, the reports contained within the school portion of the Town Report.
- Article 2: This article authorizes the appropriation for a Performance Energy Management contract and the building repairs and improvements needed. It will be financed by federal grant funds, utility rebates, and the issuance of a municipal bond. \$102,500 to be raised through taxation for the first year's interest expense.
- Article 3: This article authorizes the board to take up to \$50,000 of unreserved fund balance to be added to the School Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This amount will only be moved if there is an unreserved fund balance and not be raised through additional taxation.
- Article 4: This article represents the cost items contained in a three (3) year agreement with the Thornton Education Association.
- Article 5: The Board is asking voters to allow it to raise \$3,000.00 for emergency expenditures or expenditures that were not anticipated. Any leftover funds are returned as unreserved fund balance.
- Article 6: This article is the final article representing the base budget only. This article does not include the money contained in Articles 2, 3, 4, or 5.