

## **School Article 8 – Citizens Petition**

This article is a Citizens Petition that was amended at the School Deliberative Session. (1) It will add \$1 each to the following CRFs (Equipment, Facilities Maintenance and Replacement; Technology; and Food Service Equipment), with the School Board named as agents to expend the funds.

The original petition proposed adding \$100,000 to the three listed CRFs and designated the Municipal Budget Committee as the agents to expend the funds. At the Deliberative Session, the School District attorney clarified that Budget Committees have not been given the legal authority to make expenditure decisions for CRFs, as no statute grants them the power to approve withdrawals or determine the appropriateness of such expenditures. During their Public Hearing, the Budget Committee discussed the Citizens Petition and whether they had the authority to expend the funds. (2)

The tax impact is an increase of \$0.0000022 per \$1,000 assessment, or \$0.0004 on a \$200,000 home.

**A YES vote** would raise \$3 for the School CRFs listed.

**A NO vote** would not raise additional funds for the CRFs listed.

### **Reasons why some voters might vote yes:**

- To add \$3 to the CRFs listed

### **Reasons why some voters might vote no:**

- Not to add \$3 to the CRFs listed

### **References:**

1. School Deliberative Session, 02/01/2025, RCTV recording starting at timestamp [3:29:50] with amendment [4:02:10], <https://tinyurl.com/37zr2jpi>
2. Budget Committee Public Hearing for Citizens Petition, 01/23/2025, minutes, <https://tinyurl.com/35k47t39>, correspondence between the committee chair and the New Hampshire Municipal Association dated 01/15/2025, <https://tinyurl.com/ynar395a>, and RCTV recording, <https://tinyurl.com/2tsxac3j>