

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BUDGET ARTICLES TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

ARTICLES PURSUANT TO 20-A M.R.S.A. SECTION 1485

Cost Center Summary Budget Format

PLEASE NOTE:

These articles are Maine Department of Education general recommendations only to be used as needed. For more specific or detailed articles, please consult with your school administrative unit's legal representative.

ARTICLE_____ To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

Recommend \$ _____

ARTICLE_____ To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

Recommend \$ _____

ARTICLE_____ To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

Recommend \$ _____

ARTICLE_____ To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

Recommend \$ _____

ARTICLE_____ To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

Recommend \$ _____

ARTICLE_____ To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

Recommend \$ _____

ARTICLE_____ To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

Recommend \$ _____

ARTICLE_____ To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

Recommend \$ _____

ARTICLE_____ To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

Recommend \$ _____

ARTICLE_____ To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

Recommend \$ _____

ARTICLE_____ To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

Recommend \$ _____

ARTICLES PURSUANT TO 20-A M.R.S.A. Section 15690

PLEASE NOTE:

Actions taken pursuant to items 1 – 4 must be taken by a recorded vote.

1. School Administrative Unit Contribution to Total Cost of Funding Public Education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690(1 A-B)):

1-A. For a municipal school unit proposing to raise its statutorily required local share:

ARTICLE _____ To see what sum the municipality 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 (**Recommend \$** *Should equal the Total Allocation from ED 279 Subsidy printout Section 5-C*) and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the 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.

Recommend \$ *Should equal the Local Contribution from ED 279 Subsidy printout Section 5-C*

The following statement must accompany this article in subparagraph:

“Explanation: The school administrative 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 a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.”

1-B. For a school administrative district, a community school district or regional school unit proposing to raise its statutorily required local share:

ARTICLE _____ To see what sum the district/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 district 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 (Recommend amount set forth below):

Total appropriated (by municipality)

Town A (\$ amount)

Town B (\$ amount)

Town C (\$ amount)

School District/Unit Total Appropriated (\$ sum of above)

Total raised (district assessments by municipality)

Town A (\$ amount)

Town B (\$ amount)

Town C (\$ amount)

School District/Unit Total Raised (\$ sum of above)

The following statement must accompany this article in subparagraph:

"Explanation: The school administrative 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 district must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars."

Instructions for Article 1-B:

Please Note: *The Total Appropriated amounts for each municipality should reflect the amounts on the ED 279 Section 4-C (Total Allocation by Municipality Column) and the Total raised for each municipality should reflect the amounts on the ED 279 Section 4-C (Required Local Contribution by Municipality Column) EXCEPT for those school administrative districts or community school districts that have an "Adjusted Local Contributions by Town" on the last page of the ED 279 Section 5-F and for those district that have exceptions pursuant to 20-A MRSA Section 15688(4), Public Law 2005, Chapter 2, Section D-69 and Private & Special Law 2005, Chapter 23.*

2. Appropriation for Non-state-funded Debt Service Allocation (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690 (2A)):

ARTICLE _____ To see what sum the municipality/district/unit will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the legislative body 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 school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12.

Recommend \$ _____

The following statement must accompany this article in subparagraph:

"Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the municipality/district 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 voters or other legislative body."

3. Appropriation of Additional Local Funds (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690 (3 A-B)):

3-A. If the amount of the additional funds DOES NOT result in the unit's exceeding its maximum state and local spending target established pursuant to §15671-A (4), an article in substantially the following form must be used when a school administrative unit is considering the appropriation of additional local funds:

ARTICLE _____ To see what sum the municipality/district/unit will raise and to appropriate the sum of (**Recommend \$ _____**) in additional local funds for school purposes under Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690.

Recommend \$ _____

The following statement must accompany this article in subparagraph:

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative 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 municipality/district budget for educational programs.

3-B. If the amount exceeds the unit's maximum state and local spending target established pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15671-A (4), an article in substantially the following form must be used when a school administrative unit is considering an appropriation of additional local funds:

ARTICLE _____ Shall (name of municipality/district/unit) raise and appropriate \$ _____ in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$ _____ as required to fund the budget recommended by the (school committee or board of directors)?

The (school committee or board of directors) recommends \$ _____ for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$ _____

The following statement must accompany this article in subparagraph:

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative 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 (municipality/district) budget for educational programs.

4. Total Budget Article (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690 (4A)) :

(A school administrative unit must include a summary article indicating the total annual budget for funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 in the school administrative unit. The amount recommended must be the gross budget of the school system. This article does not provide money unless the other articles are approved.)

ARTICLE _____ To see what sum the municipality/district/unit will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, ____ and ending June 30, ____ from the school administrative 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.

Recommend \$ _____

5. Cooperative Board for Regional Vocational Budget: *(Not subject to amendment from the floor. May be either accepted or rejected by the voters.)*

ARTICLE _____ Shall the Regional Vocational Budget as approved by the Cooperative Board for the year _____ be approved in the amount of \$ _____?

6. Cooperative Board for Adult Education: *(Not subject to amendment from the floor. May be either accepted or rejected by the voters.)*

ARTICLE _____ Shall the Regional Vocational Budget as approved by the Cooperative Board for adult education for the year _____ be approved in the amount of \$ _____?

7. Adult Education as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §8603-A (1):

ARTICLE _____ To see if (the school administrative unit) will appropriate \$ _____ for Adult Education and raise \$ _____ as the local share; with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program.