

# SAMPLE BALLOT



**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION  
CANDIA, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 10, 2026**

*Jennifer Maurice*  
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- To Vote:** Completely fill in the oval  to the right of your choice like this:  For each office vote for up to the number of candidates stated in the sentences: "Vote for not more than 1," or "Vote for up to X," "X will be elected." If you vote for more than the stated number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted.
- To Vote by Write-in:** To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write in the name of the person in the "write-in" space and completely fill in the oval  to the right of the "write-in" space like this:

FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER 3 year term Vote for up to 2; TWO will be elected	FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR 3 year term Vote for not more than 1	FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK 3 year term Vote for not more than 1
STEPHANIE HELMIG <input type="radio"/>	H. CLARK THYNG <input type="radio"/>	JENNIFER MAURICE <input type="radio"/>
KATE KNOWLES <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>		<b>FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER</b> 3 years term Vote for not more than 1
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>		
		MARTHA EKROTH <input type="radio"/>
		(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>

**WARRANT ARTICLES**

The average cost-per-pupil for the preceding year (2024-2025) as calculated in accordance with RSA 189:75, I(a) is \$22,249.57.  
Candia School District achievement proficiency scores for the preceding year (2024-2025) ELA Proficiency: 55%; Math Proficiency: 53%; Science Proficiency: 49%

**Warrant Article #2** Shall the Candia School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$11,833,313? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$11,817,330, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Candia School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Estimated tax rate impact is \$0.76/per thousand.

(Recommended by the School Board 5-0-0)  
(Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0-1)

YES

NO

**Warrant Article #3** Shall the Candia School District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Candia School Board and the Candia Education Association, which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

Year	Estimated Increase
2026-2027	\$184,528.76
2027-2028	\$198,486.82
2028-2029	\$212,602.37

and further to raise and appropriate \$184,528.76 for the 2026-2027 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? Estimated tax rate impact 2026-2027 is \$0.20/per thousand. Estimated tax impact 2027-2028 is \$0.21/per thousand. Estimated tax rate impact 2028-2029 is \$0.23/per thousand.

(Recommended by the School Board 5-0-0)  
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0-1)

YES

NO

**Warrant Article #4** Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, 32:5-c, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body and/or Budget Committee shall not submit a recommended school budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes for the Candia Budget, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 15%. 3/5 Majority vote required. (submitted by petition)

(Recommended by the School Board 5-0-0)  
(Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0-0)

YES

NO