

Shaker Regional School District Voter's Guide



Second Session Voting by Ballot
Tuesday, March 10, 2026
7:00 am – 7:00 pm

Belmont Residents:
Belmont High School
255 Seavey Road
Belmont, NH

Canterbury Residents:
Old Town Hall in the Center
1 Old Tilton Road
Canterbury, NH

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The Shaker Regional School District began budget development in October 2025. Video recordings of all of the Budget Development Meetings can be viewed on our district website, www.sau80.org and clicking on Budget Information under Shortcuts.

Article 01: Election of Officers

Belmont School Board Member 3-year term (Vote for up to 2; 2 will be elected)

Mark Ekberg

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Canterbury School Board Member 3-year term (Vote for up to 1; 1 will be elected)

Alice Todd

Article 02: Operating Budget

The average cost-per-pupil for the preceding year as calculated in accordance with RSA 189:75, I(a) is \$22,612.51. ELA Proficiency: 60%; Math Proficiency: 42%; Science Proficiency: 38%. Shall the Shaker Regional 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 thirty million, five hundred forty-six thousand, eight hundred twenty six dollars (\$30,546,826)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be thirty one million, five hundred twenty six thousand, one hundred thirty-four dollars (\$31,526,134), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Shaker Regional 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. (The School Board recommends passing this appropriation.) [Majority vote required.]

This warrant article is for the approval of the proposed operating budget. If the proposed operating budget of \$30,546,826 fails, the District will operate under the "default" budget, which is the current year's budget less one-time expenditures plus contractual obligations. The default budget is calculated to be \$31,526,134, which is \$979,308 higher than the proposed operating budget.

The projected Local Share Tax impact of this article is \$1.25 per thousand in Belmont and \$0.83 per thousand in Canterbury.

Article 03: Addition to School Facilities and Grounds Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to be added to the School Facilities and Grounds Expendable Trust Fund, which was established at the March 21, 1997, Annual District Meeting. This sum is to come from June 30, 2026, unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. (The School Board recommends passing this article.) [Majority vote required.]

The Board is proposing adding funds to the School Facilities & Grounds Expendable Trust Fund for upcoming projects outlined on the Capital Improvement Plan. Throughout the District the HVAC systems need to be replaced, along with other items on the Capital Improvement Plan. The CIP can be viewed on the district website following this link:

<https://www.sau80.org/common/pages/GetFile.ashx?key=rB5GAhXj>. The current balance is approximately \$255,563.

Article 04: Addition to Special Education Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund, which was established at the March 7, 2003, Annual District Meeting. This sum is to come from June 30, 2026, unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. (The School Board recommends passing this article.) [Majority vote required.]

The Board is proposing adding funds to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund to ensure sufficient funds may be available in the event of an unanticipated Special Education Placement. The current balance is approximately \$396,763.

Article 05: Addition to School Technology Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the School Technology Expendable Trust Fund, which was established at the March 5, 2010, Annual District Meeting. This sum is to come from June 30, 2026, unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. (The School Board recommends passing this article.) [Majority vote required.]

The Board is proposing adding funds to the Technology Expendable Trust Fund to have funds available for projects on the Capital Improvement Plan. The CIP can be viewed on the district website following this link:

<https://www.sau80.org/common/pages/GetFile.ashx?key=rh5GAhfj>. The current balance is approximately \$152,013.

Article 06: Addition to Food Service Equipment Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Food Service Equipment Expendable Trust Fund, which was established at the March 12, 2024, Annual District Meeting. This sum is to come from June 30, 2026, unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. (The School Board recommends passing this article.) [Majority vote required.]

The Board is proposing to add funds to the Food Service Equipment Expendable Trust Fund to have funds available in the event Food Service Equipment needs to be replaced. The current balance is approximately \$25,185.