

# Brookline Conservatives Election Day Voters Guide

2/27/2026 Version  
by Eric Pauer



(R) = Republican Candidate

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 10, 2026

*Patricia Howard-Barnett*  
TOWN CLERK

## INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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<b>FOR TOWN CLERK/ TAX COLLECTOR</b> Vote for not more than 1 (3 Years)	<b>FOR TOWN TRUSTEE</b> Vote for not more than 1 (3 Years)	<b>FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b> Vote for up to 2; Two will be elected (3 Years)
PATRICIA HOWARD-BARNETT <input type="radio"/>	ELISSA RASMUSSEN <input type="radio"/>	TIFFANY TURCOTTE (R) <input checked="" type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
<b>FOR TOWN MODERATOR</b> Vote for not more than 1 (2 Years)	<b>FOR PLANNING BOARD</b> Vote for not more than 1 (3 Years)	<b>FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE</b> Vote for not more than 1 (3 Years)
PETER WEBB <input type="radio"/>	BRENDAN DENEHY <input type="radio"/>	BRIAN RATER <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
<b>FOR SELECTBOARD</b> Vote for up to 2; Two will be elected (3 Years)	<b>FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE</b> Vote for not more than 1 (1 Year)	<b>FOR ZONING BOARD</b> Vote for up to 2; Two will be elected (3 Years)
DAN MARCEK <input type="radio"/>	MATHEW ELKINS <input type="radio"/>	ARCHER BATCHELLER <input type="radio"/>
BRIAN RATER <input type="radio"/>	ERIC PAUER (R) <input checked="" type="radio"/>	DAN MARCEK <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE</b> Vote for not more than 1 (3 Years)	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
<b>FOR TOWN TREASURER</b> Vote for not more than 1 (1 Year)	BRENDAN DENEHY <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</b> Vote for not more than 1 (6 Years)
TAD PUTNEY <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	BRENDA PELLERITO <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR FIRE WARD</b> Vote for not more than 1 (3 Years)	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
<b>FOR BOARD OF ASSESSORS</b> Vote for not more than 1 (3 Years)	DAVID JOKI (R) <input checked="" type="radio"/>	
PATRICK BURKE <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>		

## PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE

- Shall a charter commission be established for the sole purpose of establishing official ballot voting under the current form of government? **Enables establishment of 9-person charter commission, which will look at proposing a charter under RSA 49-D:3 II-a (official ballot town meeting) that will enable all-day (and absentee) voting on all warrant articles on election day by official ballot. Proposed charter would come before voters in 2027 for adoption. Will increase voter turnout and decrease voter disenfranchisement.**

YES  NO
- Shall the partisan ballot system for the election of town officers be adopted by this town?
 

**Enables party of candidate to be printed on this town ballot: (D), (R), (U). By providing this information, more information is available to inform voters and will improve voter turnout.**

YES  NO

# SAMPLE

More Election Information at: <https://www.hollisbrookline.com>

Planning Board has developed five positive zoning amendments, mostly to comply with changes in state law. Recommend YES on all amendments.



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MARCH 10, 2026

*Howard Barrett*  
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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ZONING ARTICLES

(By Ballot) Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendments proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Brookline Zoning Ordinance?

Article #1. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Brookline Zoning Ordinance as follows?

**Amendment 1**  
**AMEND SECTION 200.00 – DEFINITIONS** by removing the definition of Family and amend of the definition of Manufactured Housing to align with the definition in RSA 674:31.

*This amendment has Planning Board approval.*

YES

NO

Article #2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Brookline Zoning Ordinance as follows?

**Amendment 2**  
**Create Section 610.00 – Downtown Village District.** The purpose of the Downtown Village District is to promote walkable downtown with mixed-use meaning residential and light commercial use on the same lot in a manner that will maintain the quintessential New England downtown feel with light commercial use. In addition to adding Section 610.00, Section 400.00 will be updated to list this District and Section 1600.00 Sign Ordinance will be updated to include guidelines for this District. All parking standards will be updated in the Parking Regulations. Residential use standards will remain the same as they are currently in the Residential and Agricultural District. All design guidelines and lighting requirements will not impact Residential uses unless there is mixed use on the lot.

*This amendment has Planning Board approval.*

YES

NO

Article #3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Brookline Zoning Ordinance as follows?

**Amendment 3**  
**AMEND SECTION 620.00 – WORKFORCE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT** to move the multifamily unit definition to Section 200.00 Definitions, update the Affordability standards to identify the HUD region Brookline is in, and update the Access requirements.

*This amendment has Planning Board approval.*

YES

NO

Article #4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Brookline Zoning Ordinance as follows?

**Amendment 4**  
**Replace Section 700.00 – Manufactured Housing Development with a new Section** that describes the requirements for housing density which is similar to other Open Space Developments; requirements that roads and other infrastructure remain private; Open Space requirements that support outdoor recreation; layout guidelines promote neighborhood design; and Protective buffers within and around developments. Manufactured housing is only allowed within this type of development and this change does not apply to the continued use or occupancy of manufactured housing being used currently as a dwelling unit.

*This amendment has Planning Board approval.*

YES

NO

Article #5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Brookline Zoning Ordinance as follows?

**Amendment 5**  
**Amend SECTION 2000.00 – ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS.** Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) no longer need a Special Exception due to RSA changes and are allowed by right anywhere where a single dwelling unit is allowed in the Residential and Agricultural District. All ADUs must be no more than 1000 square feet are still limited to two bedrooms with the property owner required to live in one of the two dwelling units.

*This amendment has Planning Board approval.*

YES

NO

SAMPLE

See recommendations on warrant articles below, that directly impact your taxes, and your ability to vote.



**ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION  
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 10, 2026**

*[Signature]*  
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

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FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER (1 year) Vote for not more than 1	FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK (1 year) Vote for not more than 1	FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER (3 years) Vote for up to 2; Two will be elected
TAD PUTNEY <input type="radio"/>	DULCE LARA <input type="radio"/>	ALYSON MANION <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	TRACY PERRY <input type="radio"/>
<b>FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR</b> (1 year) Vote for not more than 1		(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
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**ARTICLES**

**Article 02 SAU Appropriation**

Shall the voters of the Brookline School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$502,336 as the Brookline School District's portion of the school administrative unit budget of \$2,560,328 for the forthcoming fiscal year? This year's adjusted budget of \$2,540,642 with \$498,474 assigned to the school budget of this school district will be adopted if the article does not receive a majority vote of all the school district voters voting in this school administrative unit. Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.42/\$1,000. The School Board recommends this article 5-0-0. The Finance Committee does not recommend this appropriation 2-1-0.

**SAU Budget continues to rapidly rise (see table below). SAU Board added 2nd Assistant Superintendent with declining enrollment. Vote NO for smaller budget**

YES   
NO

**Article 03 Support Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement**

To see if the Brookline School District will vote to approve the cost items included in a two-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Brookline School Board and the Brookline Education Support Staff Association for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years, which calls for the following increase in support staff salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2026-2027	\$113,308
2027-2028	\$136,894
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$250,202</b>

and further to raise and appropriate a sum of \$113,308 for the first fiscal year (2026-2027 school year), such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in support staff salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. Estimated Tax Impact: Year 1 \$0.10/\$1,000, Year 2 \$0.12/\$1,000. The School Board recommends the appropriation 5-0-0. The Finance committee recommends this appropriation 3-0-0.

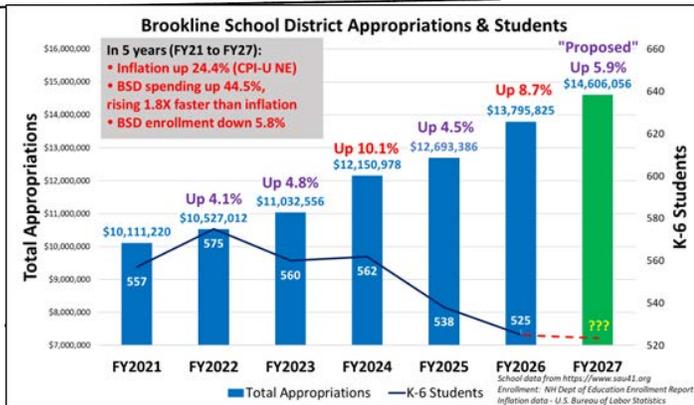
**\$250,202 increase over 2 years; est. 6% raise year 1, 5.8% raise year 2; These type of raises are not being seen by most Brookliners.**

YES   
NO

**SAU 41 Budget History**

FY	K-12	SAU Budget	SAU/Student	Increase
FY17	2418	\$1,447,377	\$598.58	-
FY18	2386	\$1,498,630	\$628.09	4.9%
FY19	2439	\$1,602,693	\$657.11	4.6%
FY20	2425	\$1,719,314	\$709.00	7.9%
FY21	2369	\$1,813,954	\$765.70	8.0%
FY22	2372	\$1,957,257	\$825.15	7.8%
FY23	2355	\$2,107,176	\$894.77	8.4%
FY24	2348	\$2,268,374	\$966.09	8.0%
FY25	2322	\$2,434,995	\$1,048.66	8.5%
FY26	2250	\$2,447,505	\$1,087.78	3.7%
FY27	2250?	\$2,560,328	\$1,137.92	4.6%

**SAMPLE**



## ARTICLES CONTINUED

### Article 04 Teachers Association Collective Bargaining Agreement

To see if the Brookline School District will vote to approve the cost items included in a three-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Brookline School Board and the Brookline Teachers Association for the 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029 school years, which calls for the following increase in professional staff salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2026-2027	\$501,347
2027-2028	\$329,127
2028-2029	\$342,899

Total: \$1,173,372

See proposed salary table and 3-year cumulative raises in tables at bottom of page

and further to raise and appropriate a sum of \$501,347 for the first fiscal year (2026-2027 school year), such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in professional staff salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels.

Estimated Tax Impact: Year 1 \$0.42/\$1,000, Year 2 \$0.28/\$1,000, Year 3 \$0.29/\$1,000. The School Board recommends the appropriation 5-0-0. The Finance committee recommends this appropriation 2-1-0.

\$1,173,372 increase over 3 yrs, for raises up to 27.2%; average 7.9% increase yr 1, 4.8% increase yr 2, 4.8% increase yr 3; +18.6% over 3 yrs. New \$20K student loan repayment, new \$1K HRA, Health Premiums Paid 100% (individual) / 90% (2 person) / 80% (family). Top base salary of \$108K+ for 185 days work. Too generous.

YES

NO

### Article 05 Operating Budget

The average cost per pupil for the preceding year as calculated in accordance with RSA 189:75, I(a) was \$19,967.44. The school district proficiency scores obtained by the department of education for the preceding year include: ELA Proficiency: 62%; Math Proficiency: 59%; Science Proficiency: 39%.

To see if the Brookline School District will vote to 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 \$13,489,065. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$13,088,231, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the 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. Majority vote required to pass. Estimated tax impact: \$7.94/\$1,000. The School Board recommends this appropriation 5-0-0. The Finance Committee does not recommend this appropriation 1-1-1.

Spending is up 44.5% in 5 years with 5.8% drop in enrollment -- not sustainable. Includes new shared District Database Manager. Vote NO to adopt lower default budget.

YES

NO

### Article 06 Open Enrollment

Shall the Brookline School District vote to adopt an open enrollment school program, designating both Richard Maghajian Memorial School (RMMS) and Captain Samuel Douglass Academy (CSDA) as open enrollment schools pursuant to NH RSA 194-D, for the purpose of enabling the district to admit up to one (1) non-resident student to RMMS or CSDA under the provisions of RSA194-D, with one hundred percent (100%) of its eligible resident pupils permitted to attend RMMS and CSDA and zero percent (0%) of its resident pupils permitted to attend open enrollment schools located outside of the District.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.00/\$1,000. The School Board recommends this article 5-0-0

This warrant article is a misnomer. It actually stops open enrollment, allowing one student in and zero students out. Recommend voting NO to stay out of open enrollment unless we want to support filling unused classroom seats and allow Brookline children to school elsewhere.

YES

NO

### Article 07 School Board Member Increase

Petition Warrant Article: Shall the Brookline School District change the number of members of the Brookline School Board from five members to seven members per RSA 671:4, using required 3-year terms with 3 members elected in 2027, 2 members elected in 2028, and 2 members elected in 2029? Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.00/\$1,000. The School Board does not recommend this article 5-0-0.

This adds two positions to the Brookline School Board to help share the significant load of the school district, enabling better strategic planning budgeting, and preparation for when there is SAU consolidation, so the school board can work closely with principals on academics.

YES

NO

### Article 08 Rescind SB2

Petition Warrant Article: Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2), as adopted by the Brookline School District on March 8, 2016, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law? (3/5 Majority vote required).

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.00/\$1,000. The School Board recommends this article 5-0-0.

This warrant article would eliminate election day ballot voting (SB2) on warrant articles you are doing now. You will have to go the the long night meeting to vote on warrant articles. Vote NO against this rescind proposal to keep SB2 and election day official balloting on all warrant articles.

YES

NO

Nearly \$13.5M for 525 students, and we get achievement proficiencies of Reading: 62% Math: 59% Science: 39%

FY29 Base Pay Table						
Step	Bachelors	Bach + 15	Masters	Mast + 15	Mast + 30	Mast + 45
1	\$53,502	\$55,107	\$56,760	\$58,519	\$60,275	\$62,083
2	\$55,000	\$56,650	\$58,349	\$60,158	\$61,925	\$63,821
3	\$56,539	\$58,233	\$59,963	\$61,830	\$63,609	\$65,609
4	\$58,122	\$59,866	\$61,662	\$63,574	\$65,481	\$67,445
5	\$59,749	\$61,542	\$63,387	\$65,353	\$67,314	\$69,333
6	\$61,421	\$63,263	\$65,149	\$67,178	\$69,202	\$71,278
7	\$63,143	\$65,036	\$66,968	\$69,061	\$71,136	\$73,270
8	\$64,912	\$66,852	\$68,873	\$71,003	\$73,129	\$75,320
9	\$66,729	\$68,731	\$70,810	\$73,006	\$75,175	\$77,427
10	\$68,597	\$70,665	\$72,775	\$75,031	\$77,282	\$79,600
11	\$70,518	\$72,663	\$74,813	\$77,116	\$79,450	\$81,840
12	\$72,492	\$74,696	\$76,916	\$79,260	\$81,679	\$84,148
13	\$74,522	\$76,757	\$79,060	\$81,510	\$83,966	\$86,475
14	\$76,608	\$78,861	\$81,248	\$83,793	\$86,298	\$88,841
15	\$78,753	\$81,016	\$83,493	\$86,133	\$88,679	\$91,256
16	\$80,958	\$83,387	\$85,888	\$88,551	\$91,120	\$93,721
17	\$83,222	\$85,722	\$88,294	\$91,031	\$93,761	\$96,574
18				\$93,579	\$96,387	\$99,278
19				\$96,200	\$99,086	\$102,059
20				\$98,899	\$101,859	\$104,916

Cumulative Proposed Teachers' Raises over 3 years FY26-FY29						
Step	Bachelors	Bach + 15	Bach + 30	Masters	Mast + 15	Mast + 30
4	27.20%	26.60%	26.00%	19.50%	19.00%	18.40%
5	27.00%	26.40%	25.80%	19.30%	18.70%	18.20%
6	26.70%	26.10%	25.50%	19.10%	18.50%	17.90%
7	26.50%	25.90%	25.30%	18.80%	18.30%	17.70%
8	26.30%	25.60%	25.10%	18.60%	18.10%	17.50%
9	26.00%	25.40%	24.80%	18.40%	17.80%	17.20%
10	25.80%	25.20%	24.60%	18.20%	17.60%	17.00%
11	25.50%	25.00%	24.30%	17.90%	17.40%	16.80%
12	25.30%	24.70%	24.10%	17.70%	17.10%	16.60%
13		24.40%	23.80%	17.50%	16.90%	16.30%
14			23.50%	17.20%	16.70%	16.00%
15				17.00%	16.40%	15.70%
16					16.80%	16.10%
17						16.60%



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

*[Signature]*  
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**Article 09 Return all unassigned general funds**

Petition Warrant Article: Shall the Brookline School District rescind authorization under RSA 198:4-b II so that the Brookline School District no longer retains any unassigned general funds under RSA 198:4-b II and return all unassigned general funds to taxpayers? Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.00/\$1,000. The School Board does not recommend this article 5-0-0. The Finance committee recommends this article 2-1-0.

**Require the school board to return unexpended funds to reduce property taxes instead of keeping it for unknown items the following year.**

YES   
NO

**Article 10 Establish a Budget Cap**

Petition Warrant Article: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-e, and implement a budget cap whereby the school board (or budget Committee) shall not submit a recommended budget that is higher than 100,000 dollars per pupil cost times the average daily membership in residence of the school districts as of October 1 of the year immediately preceding the proposed budget year plus an annual increase for inflation using CPI-U for the Boston-Cambridge, Newton MA-NH area published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics as of October 1. Requires a 3/5ths majority of the school district. Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.00/\$1,000. The School Board does not recommend this article 5-0-0. The Finance committee does not recommend this article 2-1-0.

**This was a very reasonable budget cap of \$25,000/student but a small group of pro-spenders at the deliberative session thought \$100,000/student was a better idea. We can vote to adopt and then amend to a lower number in the future.**

YES   
NO

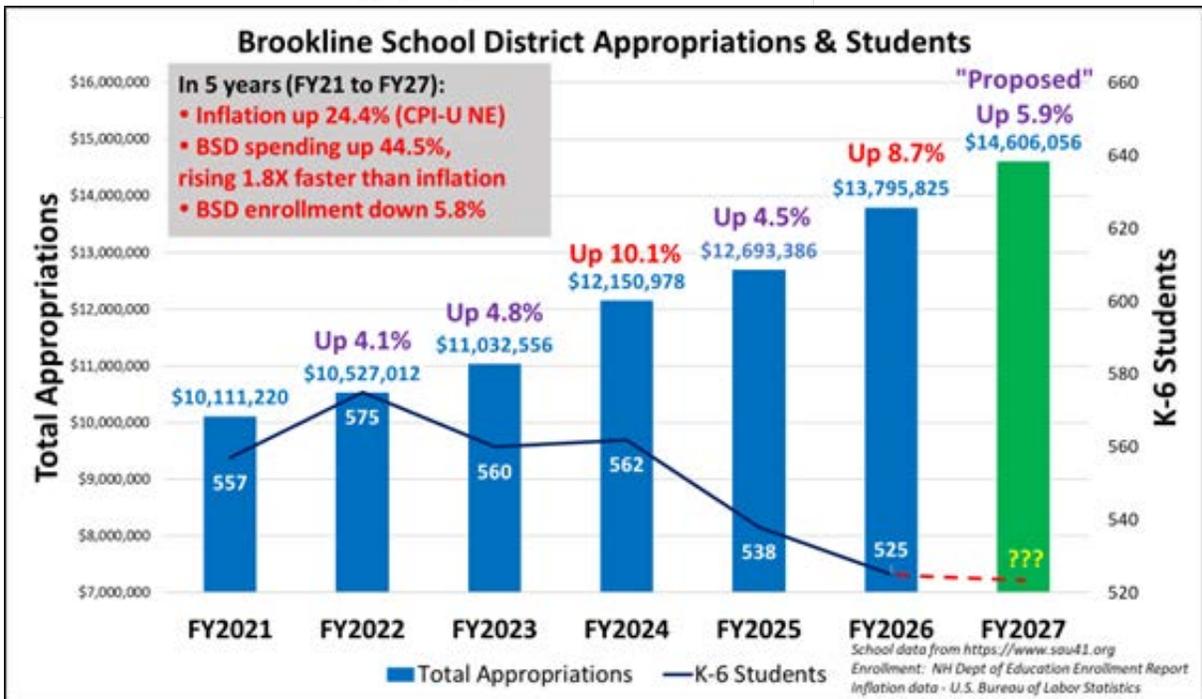
**Article 11 Adopt Tax cap in accordance with RSA 32:5-b**

Petition Warrant Article: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body (or budget committee) shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes (this year's base), that is higher than the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised (last year's base), adjusted for inflation using the inflation index CPI-U for the Boston-Cambridge-Newton MA-NH area published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and the change in population, in accordance with RSA 32:5-b,1-b? Estimated tax impact \$0.00/\$1,000. The School Board does not recommend this article 5-0-0. The Finance committee does not recommend this article 2-1-0.

**Common sense local tax cap which limits proposed tax effort (which drives property taxes) to rise no more than inflation and change in population. Would replace 8% fixed local tax cap. Recommend voting YES.**

YES   
NO

# SAMPLE



**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT**

# SAMPLE



## HOLLIS BROOKLINE COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 10, 2026

*Diane Leavitt*  
DIANE LEAVITT, CLERK  
HOLLIS/BROOKLINE COOPERATIVE  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

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FOR SCHOOL BOARD		FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE	
for Three Years	Vote for not more than 1	for Three Years	Vote for not more than 1
KATE STOLL	<input type="radio"/>	DAVID BLINN	<input type="radio"/>
ELIZABETH HAMEL (R)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>
(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>		

### PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE

Shall a Charter Commission be established for the purpose of establishing a municipal charter?

School Board does not recommend this article 6-0-0.

Budget Committee does not recommend this article 5-0-0.

Enables establishment of 9-person Co-Op charter commission (5 from Hollis, 4 from Brookline), which will look at proposing a charter under RSA 197:5-b (Budgetary Official Ballot) that will enable all-day (and absentee) voting on all warrant articles on election day by official ballot. Proposed charter would come before voters in March 2027 for adoption. A charter with all day voting by official ballot will increase voter turnout and decrease voter disenfranchisement.

YES

NO

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