

stacie Field, a resident of the RSU 16 in the County of Androscoggin in the State of Maine.

**Meetings:** In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Minot qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the **Minot Town Hall** on Tuesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025 A.D. beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the morning to act on Articles 1, and 2 of this warrant to wit:

You are hereby notified that Article 2 will be determined on a printed ballot by referendum vote in conformity with sections 2528 to 2532 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended, which is the Australian secret ballot law, so called.

The polls will be open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

The Registrar of Voters, Sara Farris, gives notice that the registrar's office will be in session from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 to register new voters and to correct the current list of voters.

**Article 1:** To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Article 2:** Do you favor changing the method of cost-sharing costs among the towns in Regional School Unit No. 16 (the "RSU") from the current method, in which the amounts raised for educational purposes (except required local contributions pursuant to 20-A M.R.S.A. sec. 15688) are apportioned among the RSU towns based on 90% property valuation and 10% pupil count, to a method that apportions such amounts based on 80% property valuation and 20% pupil count, to be phased in over two years as set forth below?

PHASE-IN OF PROPOSED COST-SHARING METHOD

Fiscal Year	% Property Valuation*	% Pupil Count*
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2026-2027	85%	15%
2027-2028 and thereafter	80%	20%

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Explanation:

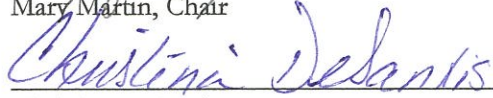
If this Article is approved by a majority of voters in the RSU (Mechanic Falls, Minot and Poland), the current cost-sharing formula would change from 90% property valuation and 10% pupil count to 80% property valuation and 20% pupil count. This change would be phased in over two years. That phase-in would begin in the 2026-2027 school budget. The current 90% valuation/10% pupil count formula would be applied to the 2025-2026 school budget, which is being proposed to voters for approval in June, 2025.

As is the case with the current cost-sharing formula, the new phased-in formula would be applied to all local educational assessments above the minimum local contributions required by the state. This includes amounts approved for "additional local funds", debt service for locally-funded school construction projects, Adult Education, Capital Improvement (CIP) and other funds authorized to be raised by the voters. There is no change to what kinds of costs the cost-sharing formula applies. The only change is to the cost-sharing formula itself.

If approved by the voters, the new 80% valuation/20% pupil count formula would remain in effect until such time as it is changed. The RSU16 School Board will review the formula after it has been in effect to determine whether future adjustments are needed.

Given under our hands this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025:

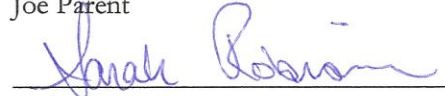
  
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Mary Martin, Chair

  
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Christina DeSantis

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Melanie Harvey

  
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Randy Lautz


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Joe Parent

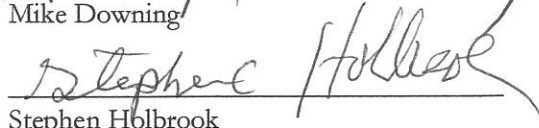
  
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Sarah Robinson

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Angela Swenson

  
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Andrea Winn

  
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Patrick Irish, Vice Chair


  
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Mike Downing

  
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Stephen Holbrook

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Elizabeth Martin

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Emily Rinchich

  
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Jessica Smith

  
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Steve Turner

A majority of the Board of Directors, Regional School Unit Sixteen (16)

Warrant for Regional School Unit Sixteen (16) Cost Share Referendum (20-A M.R.S.A. §1481)

Countersigned:

  
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Lisa Cesare, Chair

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Daniel Gilpatrick, Vice Chair

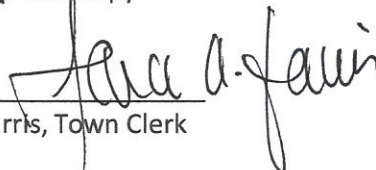
  
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Matthew Callahan

  
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Brittany Hemond

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Dean Campbell

A majority of the Municipal Minot, Maine

  
ATTEST: A True Copy

  
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Sara A. Farris, Town Clerk

RETURN

Pursuant to the within notice, I have notified and warned the voters of the Town of Minot, Maine to meet at the time and place for the purposes therein named, by posting this day an attested copy of the within warrant, at the Post Offices in Minot, and at the Town Office, the same being conspicuous and public places in said Town.

  
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Stacie Field, Resident  
Regional School Unit 16

5/8/2025  
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Date

**\*\* DOUBLE SIDED \*\***

**Town of Minot  
RSU 16 Cost Sharing Formula Referendum**

**Tuesday, June 10, 2025**

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Mary Martin – RSU 16 School Board Chair

**Article 2.**

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**YES**

**NO**

**Explanation:**

If approved by a majority of voters in Mechanic Falls, Minot and Poland, this referendum question would change the current cost-sharing formula from 90% property valuation and 10% pupil count to 80% property valuation and 20% pupil count. This change would be phased in over two years. That phase-in would begin in the 2026-2027 school budget. The current 90% valuation / 10% pupil count formula would be applied to the 2025-2026 school budget, which is being proposed to voters for approval in June 2025.

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**Ballot marking instructions**

Vote by making a X or ✓ in the square at the right of the YES or NO. If you make a mistake, please ask for a new ballot. Do not erase or cross out marks.