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Cost-Sharing  
Committee  
Report

# Hello Residents of RSU 16!

Please Join Us!

## Tuesday, May 20

**Location: PRHS/WMS Auditorium**

**5:30 PM – Cost-Sharing Public Hearing**

**6:15 PM – District Budget Meeting**



29 pages of  
Budget  
Information

The RSU 16 School Board has approved a proposed budget of \$29.89 million for the 2025–26 school year, an increase of \$1.46 million from last year. This budget supports competitive salaries and benefits, updated curriculum and training, technology and financial system upgrades, and key facility improvements, including the Minot boiler and the PRHS/WMS roof.

**Funding Sources:** \$13.27 million from the State of Maine (Essential Programs and Services), \$9.55 million in required local contributions, \$5.34 million in additional local funding to sustain programs and staffing beyond the state minimum.

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# Understanding the RSU 16 Warrant Articles

RSU 16's budget is made up of 20 articles, which are summarized below to give you a better understanding of what you will be voting on for each article *at the May 20th District Meeting.*

## Article 1: Regular Instruction

Covers staff salaries/benefits, supplies, classroom needs, Multilingual (ML), and Gifted/Talented programs  
*Added: K-6 Math program, part-time ML teacher*  
*Cut: 5 teachers, 1 Ed Tech, Ecology School*  
*Change: +\$473,597*

## Article 2: Special Education

Covers services, staff, out-of-district tuition, legal fees  
*New reading program, more services, known placement costs*  
*Change: +\$513,598*

## Article 3: Career & Technical Education

Covers PRHS student participation in Lewiston Tech programs  
*Change: +\$8,218*

## Article 4: Other Instruction

Covers athletics, drama, music, clubs, summer programs,  
*Activities not run recently removed*  
*Change: -\$24,629*

## Article 5: Student & Staff Support

Covers nurses, counselors, technology, staff training, Tech repairs, curriculum stipends  
*Cut 1 literacy coach, reduced tech/software*  
*Change: +\$25,465*

## Article 6: System Administration

Covers superintendent, legal, business office  
*Half-time admin assistant, updated software*  
*Change: +\$110,598*

## Article 7: School Administration

Covers principals, secretaries, office operations  
*Cut 1 support staff (PRHS)*  
*Change: +\$82,972*

## Article 8: Transportation

Covers buses, fuel, drivers, maintenance  
*Bus loan payments, increased repair costs*  
*Fewer contracted services*  
*Change: +\$252,320*

## Article 9: Facilities Maintenance

Covers maintenance staff, utilities, building, and grounds upkeep  
*Change: +\$26,097*

## Article 10: Debt Service

Funds loan payments for previous projects  
*Change: -\$10,507*

## Article 11: Other Expenditures

Includes Maine Paid Family Medical Leave tax  
*Change: -\$1,720*

## Article 12: Total State-Calculated Cost (EPS)

Reflects state formula for basic funding  
*Change: +\$947,885*

## Article 13: Local Debt Service

Raises money to pay Article 10  
*Change: -\$10,507*

## Article 14: Additional Local

Raises funds beyond EPS to maintain RSU 16 programs  
*Change: +\$1,158,330*

## Article 15: Budget Summary

Authorizes total spending from Articles 1-14  
*Change: +\$1,456,009*

## Article 16: Adult Education

No change from last year  
*Total: \$422,800 (Raise \$130,000)*

## Article 17 & 18: Capital Improvement Plan

Supports CIP spending  
*CIP Increase: +\$56,000*  
*CIP Spending: +\$60,000*

## Article 19: Additional State Subsidy

If RSU 16 gets more state funds:  
*100% used for tax relief*

## Article 20: Grant Funds

Allows RSU 16 to spend federal/state grants as received

*Budget articles also reflect increases in salaries, benefits, PFML tax, and inflation. Decreases may include 10-50% cuts to books, travel, supplies, dues, and fees, aligned to past spending.*