MARANACOOK AREA SCHOOLS

RSU #38 Seventeenth Annual Report May 2026

Budget Goal: "To maintain fiscal responsibility while balancing the needs of ALL members of the RSU #38 communities."
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2026–2027 Proposed Budget Summary

Dear Community Members,

The RSU #38 Board of Directors is pleased to present our proposed District Budget for the 2026–2027 school year (FY27). This newsletter provides important information about the budget development process and outcomes.

Work on this year's budget began in October, with the Administrative Team, Budget Committee, and Board of Directors dedicating significant time through numerous meetings and discussions, along with opportunities for community input, to develop a thoughtful and balanced proposal that reflects district priorities and is in the best interest of all RSU students.

After careful deliberation, the Board voted on April 15, 2026, to approve the budget recommended for voter consideration. Looking ahead, the RSU will launch a community–wide strategic planning process, *Building Strong Together*, to guide thoughtful, collaborative decisions about the future of the district. This effort will bring together residents, educators, and stakeholders to address key challenges and ensure the plan reflects the values of the Maranacook community.

As a resident of one of our four towns, please consider participating in both the Annual Budget Meeting on May 13 and the vote at the polls on Tuesday, June 9. Your engagement as a community member matters, and we encourage you to share these dates with your neighbors.

Thank you,

RSU #38 Board of Directors

Manchester	Mt Vernon	Readfield	Wayne
Wendy Brotherlin (6/28)	Noah Easter (6/28)	Patricia Clark (6/27)	Andrew Gorrill (6/26)
Kristin DuBois (6/26)	Dan Holman (6/26)	Shawn Roderick (6/27)	David Twitchell (6/26)
David Guillemette (6/27)	Leslie Marco (6/27)	Brian Tarbuck (6/26)	
Chip Jones (6/26)		Chad Wight (6/28)	

Annual Budget Meeting
Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 7:00pm
Maranacook Middle School
2100 Millard Harrison Dr, Readfield

Budget Validation Referendum
Tuesday, June 9, 2026
Town Polling Locations

RSU #38 Mission Statement

"A caring school community dedicated to excellence"

Vision Statement

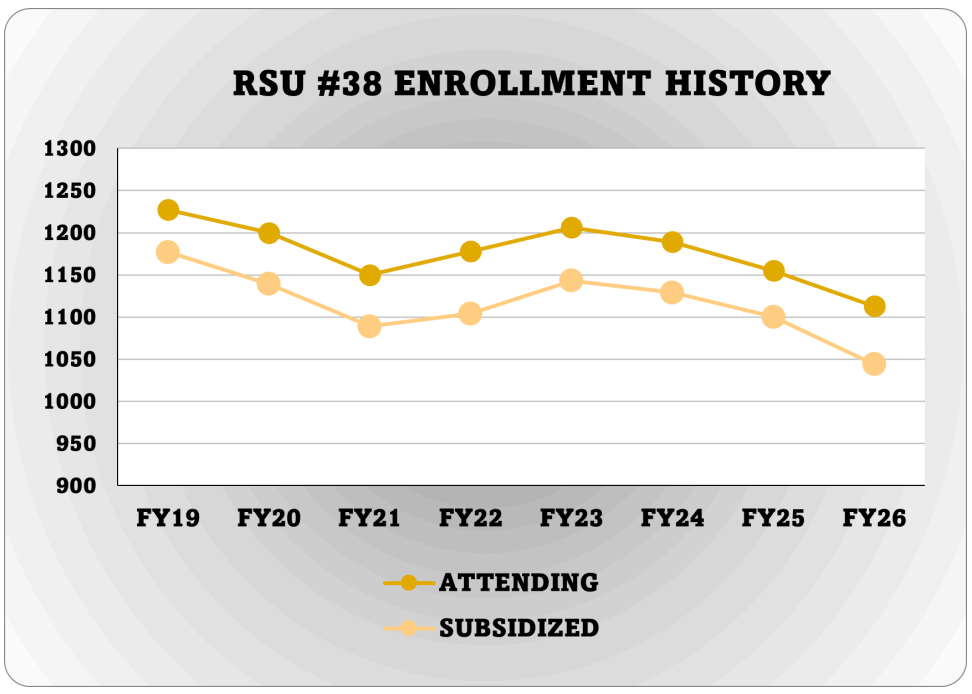
Maranacook Schools will be safe, dynamic learning communities where people of all ages will think, aspire, and participate as responsible citizens in an ever–changing global society.

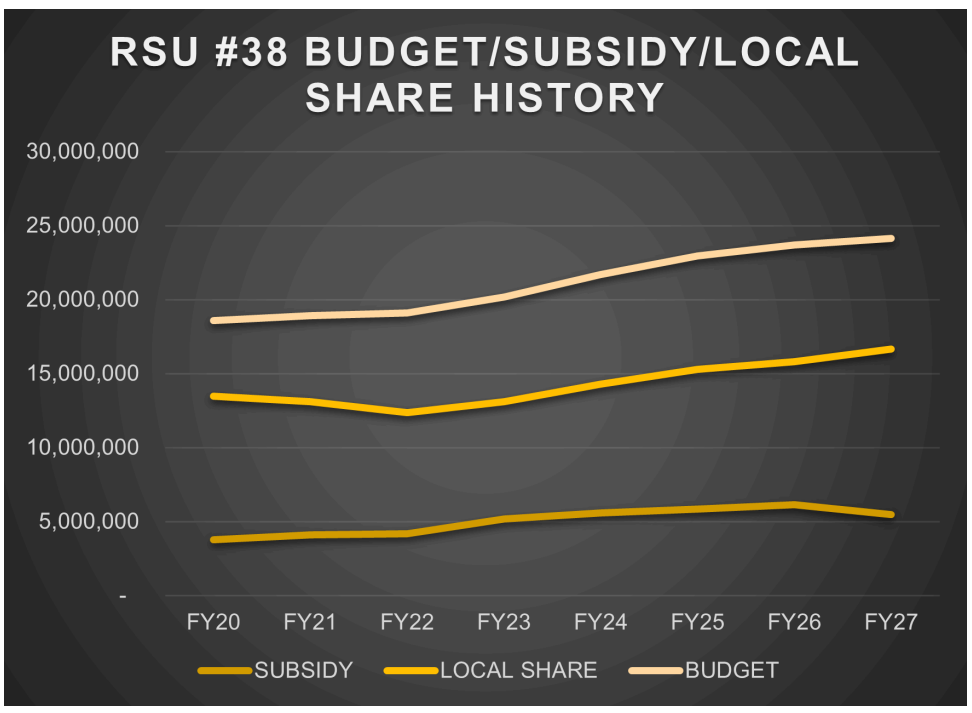
Guiding Principles

We Believe:

- Teachers, staff members, parents, and students are life–long learners with a dedication to excellence and an expectation of high achievement for all
- All learners need a safe, respectful, positive environment to achieve
- Students need an evidence based, rigorous curriculum that
  - focuses on state standards
  - promotes engagement
  - provides a challenging range of courses, experiences, and extra–curricular activities
  - recognizes the needs, interests, and abilities of all learners
  - blends the changing needs of society with the needs of individual learners
  - integrates technological advances and collaboration
- Parents and community members are a vital part of our schools
- The instruction and assessment process measures growth for all learners through feedback, collaboration, and problem solving
- The supervision and evaluation process encourages and supports staff growth and development that is designed to promote our mission and vision

Approved by RSU #38 Board of Directors, March 6, 2019





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Articles & Voting Information:

The following Table corresponds to Articles 2–12: To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for individual cost centers.
The School Board recommends amounts set forth in the table below:

Budget Category	Current Budget 2025–2026	Proposed Budget 2026–2027	Amt Change	% Change
Article 2 Regular Instruction	$9,636,542	$9,442,965	–$193,577	–2.01%
Article 3 Special Education	$3,530,789	$3,802,011	$271,221	7.68%
Article 4 Career & Tech Education	$0	$0	$0	--
Article 5 Student & Staff Support	$646,272	$658,563	$12,291	1.90%
Article 6 Other Instruction	$2,418,943	$2,479,734	$60,791	2.51%
Article 7 System Administration	$841,865	$847,365	$5,501	0.65%
Article 8 School Administration	$1,524,262	$1,440,086	–$84,175	–5.52%
Article 9 Transportation	$1,284,105	$1,340,162	$56,057	4.37%
Article 10 Operations/Maintenance	$3,681,750	$4,031,361	$349,610	9.50%
Article 11 Debt Service	$0	$0	$0	--
Article 12 All Other Expenditures	$114,337	$114,337	$0	--
Total General Fund	$23,678,865	$24,156,584	$477,719	2.02%

Article 13 – State/Local EPS Funding Allocation:

Provides the district with state subsidy for the 2026–2027 school year.
The School Board recommends amounts set forth in the table below:

Municipality	Total Appropriated (By Municipality)	Total Raised (District Required Assessment) by Municipality
Manchester	$4,730,939.18	$2,822,405.91
Mt Vernon	$2,960,157.20	$2,271,736.16
Readfield	$5,108,706.00	$2,410,320.91
Wayne	$1,956,714.08	$1,822,676.41
Total	$14,756,516.46	$9,327,139.39

Article 14 – Non–State Funded School Construction Debt Services:

Provides funds to pay for non–State funded school construction projects that were previously approved by Regional School Unit No 38 voters.
The School Board recommends **$0**

Article 15 – Additional Local Funds for Food Service:

Local money that is raised to help fund the schools' food service program and equipment replacement.
The School Board recommends **$105,000**

Article 16 – Additional Local Funds:

Local money that must be raised beyond the State/Local EPS funding Allocation and other receipts to fund the budget.
The School Board recommends **$7,177,562**

Article 17 – Summary Article:

Authorizes the district to spend the money appropriated in the previous expenditure articles.
The School Board recommends **$24,156,584**

Article 18 – Additional State Subsidy Funds:

Authorizes the School Board to use all of the additional state subsidy to decrease the local cost share expectation, as defined in Title 20–A, section 15671–A(1)(B), for local property taxpayers for funding public education.
The School Board recommends: **Ought to Pass**

Article 19 – Adult Education:

Authorizes the district to appropriate (Recommended $404,067) and raise the local share (Recommend $40,000) for Adult Education.
The School Board recommends: **Ought to Pass**

Article 20 – Other Grants and Other Receipts:

Authorizes the district to expend other revenue from state, federal, local and private sources for the support of schools.
The School Board recommends: **Ought to Pass**

Article 21 – Transfer from available funds balances:

Authorizes the School Board to transfer *up to* $400,000 from available fund balances at the end of the 2025–2026 fiscal year, and to expend from said Reserve Fund as needed at the discretion of the School Board.
The School Board recommends: **Ought to Pass**

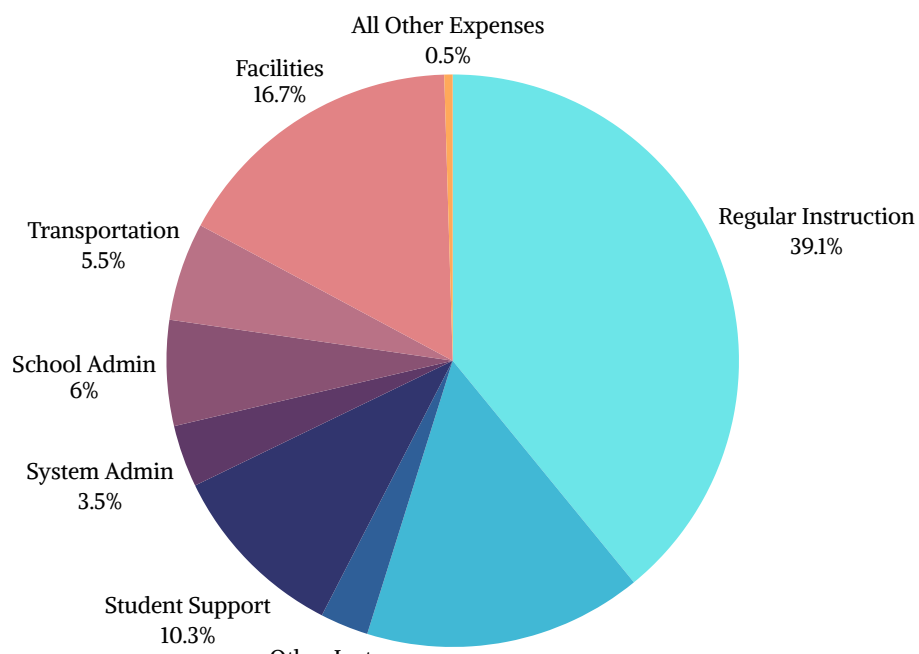
Article 22 – Transfer from available funds balances:

Authorizes the School Board to transfer *up to* $75,000 from available fund balances at the end of the 2025–2026 fiscal year; and to expend from said Reserve Fund as needed at the discretion of the School Board.
The School Board recommends: **Ought to Pass**

Article 23 – Five–Year Contract with Fayette School Dept:

Authorizes the School Board to enter into a five–year contract with the Fayette School Department to allow Fayette resident students in grades 6–12 to attend RSU 38 schools.
The School Board recommends: **Ought to Pass**

Budget Breakdown by Cost Center



FY26 Revenue:

RSU #38 will be receiving a decrease of $678,636 in state subsidy funding. We will also draw $987,398 from our Balance Forward to reduce the impact of our budget on local taxpayers. Our revenue chart is as follows:

	2025–2026 Budget	2026–2027 Proposed Budget	Increase/ Decrease
State Allocation	$6,144,120	$5,465,484	–$678,636
Local Contribution	$15,754,089	$16,609,701	$855,612
Balance Forward	$792,656	$987,398	$194,742
Other Revenue	$988,000	$1,094,000	$106,000
Total Revenues	$23,678,865	$24,156,584	$477,718

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