



Public Forum Notice

Mascenic Regional School District

Date: October 28, 2026

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: MRHS Auditorium

175 Turnpike Rd, New Ipswich, NH 03071

The purpose and intent of this Public Forum is to provide voters and members of the public with information regarding the HB1300 Tax Cap ballot question, how a yes or no vote may impact the Mascenic School District budget, and to provide an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions and offer comments concerning the ballot question.

The Board Chair will act as the Presiding Moderator of the Public Forum.

The Public Forum will concern only the subject matter noticed above, and those matters which may directly relate to that subject. The Presiding Moderator may rule a commenter out of order should the comments veer off the subject.

The Public Forum is scheduled for 60 minutes, which will include a presentation by the Mascenic School District, with public comment to follow. The hearing may end earlier than 60 minutes if comments have ended. The Presiding Moderator, in consultation with the Board, reserves the right to extend the hearing beyond 90 minutes.

Citizen participation can occur in two ways:

1. Written comments/questions by voters and members of the public can be submitted directly to the Mascenic School District Office.

The following procedures will pertain to written comments/questions for this Public Forum:

- Written comments/questions will be included in the materials publicly available at the meeting.
- Written comments must be submitted at least one business day prior to the Public Forum and shall be limited to approximately 1000 words.
- All written comments/questions must include the individual's name, address, and the group, if any, that is represented. Anonymous written comments will not be accepted as part of public comment.
- Only one written comment is permitted per individual.
- No personal comments or complaints of school personnel nor against any person connected with the school system will be heard in this public forum.



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- In the event that the full time for public comment has not been exhausted, the Presiding Moderator may read the written comments aloud at the meeting on a first received basis until the comment period has expired.
- Responses to any written comments/questions which are not substantively addressed through the Public Forum will be posted on the Mascenic School District website no later than 8:00 am on October 30, 2026.

2. Comments/Questions can be made in person during the designated time for public comments.

The following procedures will pertain to Public Participation at this public forum:

- Members of the public shall not speak unless recognized by the Presiding Moderator.
- Individual speakers will be allotted up to 2 minutes per person. Speakers may not relinquish allotted time to another speaker.
- An individual desiring to speak shall give his/her name, address, and the group, if any, that is represented.
- Personal comments or complaints of school personnel nor against any person connected with the school system will be heard.
- Once everyone has had the opportunity to speak once, previous speakers will have additional opportunity to speak.
- Comments should be directed to the Public Moderator (not other community members/commenters). For questions, the presiding officer will determine who from the Board or administration is best equipped to respond. Additionally, in order to clarify a speaker's comments/questions members of the Board may respond or ask questions.
- Comments and questions on matters other than the subject will be called out of order.
- Speakers are encouraged not to repeat comments made by other speakers. A simple statement of agreement with past speakers will provide for a more efficient use of time.
- Proper decorum is expected at all times. Defamatory statements, comments threatening bodily harm, or other unprotected speech will not be tolerated.
- The presiding moderator has the authority to terminate the remarks of any individual when they do not adhere to the rules established above as to content or time limitation.

While voters and members of the public have the right to attend and offer input during the public comment period of this public forum, they do not have the right to disrupt them. Impermissible disruptions include, but are not limited to:

- Shouting or speaking while someone else has been recognized by the presiding moderator;
- Obstructing the view of others with posters or otherwise;



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- Refusing to terminate public comment after that speaker's time has expired;
- Any other sustained or intentionally loud noises after the presiding moderator has called for order; or
- Any other conduct intended to disrupt the meeting or person speaking.

If, after a warning from the Presiding Moderator, an individual continues to disrupt the meeting by words or actions, the Presiding Moderator may direct the person to leave the meeting. Upon refusal, the presiding moderator may request assistance from law enforcement officials to have the individual removed, with the potential for criminal charges. Interruptions may result in a recess or, provided the 60 minutes for the public forum has expired, and adjournment of the public forum.