



Sample Absentee Ballot

2026 Annual School Election

March 10, 2026

Wakefield, NH

Instructions

To Vote:

To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice.



To Vote for a Write-in:

To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, write the person's name on the "Write-in" line and completely fill in the oval next to the line.



School Moderator

Vote for not more than 1
1 Year

Mary Wing Soares

Write-in

School Board

Vote for not more than 1
3 Years

Relf Fogg

Annie Gehring

Write-in

School District Clerk

Vote for not more than 1
1 Year

Valerie Ward

Write-in

School District Treasurer

Vote for not more than 1
1 Year

Carlene Stewart

Write-in

Article 2

Operating Budget

The average cost per pupil for the preceding year as calculated in accordance with RSA 189:75, I(a) is \$20,642.

ELA Proficiency: 34%
Math Proficiency: 25%
Science Proficiency: 17%

Shall the Wakefield School District 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 FOURTEEN MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY THREE THOUSAND AND FIFTY EIGHT DOLLARS (\$14,853,058.00). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be FOURTEEN MILLION SIX HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND AND ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY NINE DOLLARS (\$14,665,129.00) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Wakefield 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.

Estimated Tax Impact Proposed: \$4.77 Default: \$4.69

(The Wakefield School Board recommends by a vote of 3-2. The Wakefield Budget Committee recommends by a vote of 8-0).

Yes

No

Article 3

Area Agreement Committee

Shall the Wakefield School District vote, pursuant to RSA 194-A:14 III, to form a Withdrawal Study Committee to study the feasibility and suitability of withdrawing from the AREA Agreement with the Rochester School Department.

Yes

No

Article 4

Gym Floor

To see if the Wakefield School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of EIGHTY THOUSAND \$80,000 to be added to the GYM FLOOR EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND previously established.

Estimated Tax Impact. \$.035

The Wakefield School Board recommends by a vote of 5-0.
The Wakefield Budget Committee recommends by a vote of 8-0.

Yes

No



Article 5

Purchase New Bleachers

To see if the Wakefield School District will vote to establish a New Bleachers Trust Fund per RSA 198:20-c, V for the purpose of replacing current gym bleachers and to raise and appropriate FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND \$55,000 to be placed in the fund, and to name the Wakefield School Board as agents to expend.

Estimated tax impact: \$.024

The Wakefield School Board recommends by a vote of 5-0.
The Wakefield Budget Committee recommends by a vote of 7-1.

(Majority Vote Required).

Yes

No

Article 6

Classroom Renovation

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS \$55,000 to be added to the Classroom Renovation Capital Reserve Account previously established.

Estimated Tax Impact. \$.024

The Wakefield School Board recommends by a vote of 5-0.
The Wakefield Budget Committee recommends by a vote of 7-0-1.

Yes

No

Article 7

Paving 76 Taylor Way

To see if the School district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS \$60,000 to be added to the Paving of 76 Taylor Way Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

Estimated Tax impact. \$.026

The Wakefield School Board recommends by a vote of 4-1.
The Wakefield Budget Committee recommends by a vote of 5-3.

Yes

No

Article 8

Special Education

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

Estimated Tax Impact \$.022

The Wakefield School Board recommends by a vote of 5-0.
The Wakefield Budget Committee recommends by a vote of 6-2.

Yes

No

Article 9

Technology Trust Fund

To see if the Wakefield School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS \$50,000 to be added to the Technology Trust Fund Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

Estimated Tax Impact \$.022

The Wakefield School Board recommends this appropriation 5-0.
The Wakefield Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation 1-7.

Yes

No



Article 10

Truck

To see if the Wakefield School District will vote to establish a Truck Capital Trust Fund per RSA 198:20-c, V to purchase a truck and to raise and appropriate the sum of FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS \$40,000 to be placed in the fund, and to name the Wakefield School Board as agents to expend.

Estimated tax impact: \$.018

The Wakefield School Board recommends by a vote of 5-0.
The Wakefield Budget Committee does not recommend by a vote of 4-4.

(Majority Vote Required).

Yes

Estimated tax impact: \$.018

No

Article 11

Maintenance Contingency

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS \$40,000 to be added to the Maintenance Contingency Expendable Trust previously established.

Estimated Tax Impact \$.018

The Wakefield School Board recommends by a vote of 5-0.
The Wakefield Budget Committee recommends by a vote of 8-0.

Yes

No

Article 12

Open Enrollment

Shall the School District vote to designate Paul School as an open enrollment elementary school under the provisions of RSA 194-D to limit the number of students who reside outside the Wakefield School District who may attend Paul School and under the provisions of RSA 194-D to no more than 5 percent (5%) of the total enrollment in the Wakefield School District, and limit the percentage of Wakefield School District students who may attend open enrollment schools located outside of the Wakefield School District to zero percent (0%).

Yes

No

