

# 2015 Official Sample Ballots

## Amherst School District Souhegan Cooperative School District Town of Amherst

<b>OFFICIAL BALLOT</b> <b>SOUHEGAN COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT</b> <b>AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE</b> <b>MARCH 10, 2015</b>		 SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK
<b>INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS</b> A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ● B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office. C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.		
<b>FOR SCHOOL BOARD</b> For 3 years      Vote for not more than One		
DWAYNE PURVIS <input type="radio"/>		
DAVID CHEN <input type="radio"/>		
		(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
<b>ARTICLES</b>		
<b>ARTICLE 2</b> Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount 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 \$18,161,347? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$17,992,364 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Souhegan Cooperative 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.		
YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>		
Majority vote required to pass. The estimated tax impact of passing this article is an increase of \$0.07 per \$1000 of assessment for Amherst and a decrease of \$0.01 per \$1000 of assessment for Mont Vernon. The estimated tax impact of not passing this article is a decrease of \$0.02 per \$1000 of assessment for Amherst and a decrease of \$0.11 per \$1000 of assessment for Mont Vernon. The Souhegan Cooperative School Board unanimously recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 7 to 0. The Souhegan Cooperative School District Advisory Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 2.		
<b>TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING</b>		



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<b>FOR SCHOOL BOARD</b> (For 3 YEARS)      Vote for not more than ONE		
PAUL PRESCOTT <input type="radio"/>		
		(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
<b>ARTICLES</b>		
<b>ARTICLE 12</b> Shall the Amherst School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount 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 \$25,016,262? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$24,644,072, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Amherst 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.		
YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>		
Majority vote required to pass. The estimated tax impact of passing this article is an increase of \$0.38 per \$1000. The estimated tax impact of not passing this article is an increase of \$0.14 per \$1000. The Amherst School Board unanimously recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 0. The Amherst School District Ways & Means Committee unanimously recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 7 to 0.		
<b>ARTICLE 13</b> Shall the Amherst School District vote to raise and appropriate \$620,593 to fund the expansion of the half day Kindergarten program to a full day program?		
YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>		
Majority vote required to pass. The estimated tax impact of passing this article is an increase of \$0.39 per \$1000. The Amherst School Board unanimously recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 0. The Amherst School District Ways & Means Committee recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 4 to 3.		
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<b>ARTICLES CONTINUED</b>							
<b>ARTICLE 3</b> Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District vote to approve the costs included in the agreement reached between the Souhegan Cooperative School Board and the professional and support staff of Souhegan Cooperative High School which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels:							
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2015-2016	\$29,894						
2016-2017	\$80,377						
And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,894 for the 2015 – 2016 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels?							
YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>							
Majority vote required to pass. The estimated tax impact of this article is an increase of \$0.01 per \$1000 of assessment for Amherst. The estimated tax impact of this article is an increase of \$0.02 per \$1000 of assessment for Mont Vernon. The Souhegan Cooperative School Board unanimously recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 7 to 0. The Souhegan Cooperative School District Advisory Finance Committee unanimously recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 7 to 0.							
<b>ARTICLE 4</b> Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District raise and appropriate \$220,000 to replace the running track at Souhegan High School due to the safety concerns over the existing condition of the track, with \$110,000 to be withdrawn from an expendable trust fund for this purpose known as the School Maintenance Fund previously established in March 2005 and \$110,000 to be raised by taxation?							
YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>							
Majority vote required to pass. The estimated tax impact of this article is an increase of \$0.06 per \$1000 of assessment for Amherst. The estimated tax impact of this article is an increase of \$0.07 per \$1000 of assessment for Mont Vernon. The Souhegan Cooperative School Board unanimously recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 7 to 0. The Souhegan Cooperative School District Advisory Finance Committee unanimously recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 7 to 0.							
<b>ARTICLE 5</b> Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District vote to raise and appropriate up to \$65,000 from the year-end undesignated fund balance (surplus) if available on July 1, 2015 to be added to the Expendable Trust Fund known as the School Maintenance Fund previously established in March, 2005?							
YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>							
Majority vote required to pass. The estimated tax impact of this article is an increase of \$0.03 per \$1000 of assessment for Amherst. The estimated tax impact of this article is an increase of \$0.04 per \$1000 of assessment for Mont Vernon. The Souhegan Cooperative School Board unanimously recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 7 to 0. The Souhegan Cooperative School District Advisory Finance Committee unanimously recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 7 to 0.							
<b>YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING</b>							

<b>ARTICLES CONTINUED</b>							
<b>ARTICLE 14</b> Shall the Amherst School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Amherst School Board and the Amherst Support Staff Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year:							
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2015 – 2016	\$40,660						
2016 – 2017	\$37,576						
And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,660 for the 2015 – 2016 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels?							
YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>							
Majority vote required to pass. The estimated tax impact of passing this article is an increase of \$0.03 per \$1000. The Amherst School Board unanimously recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 0. The Amherst School District Ways & Means Committee unanimously recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 7 to 0.							
<b>ARTICLE 15</b> Shall the Amherst School District, if Article 14 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 14 cost items only?							
YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>							
Majority vote required to pass. No tax impact. The Amherst School Board unanimously recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 0. The Amherst School District Ways & Means Committee unanimously recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 7 to 0.							
<b>ARTICLE 16</b> Shall the Amherst School District vote to raise and appropriate up to \$50,000 from the year-end undesignated fund balance (surplus) if available on June 30, 2015 to be added to the Amherst School District fund for educating students with disabilities, previously established in March, 2014?							
YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>							
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