

ELECTION WARRANT

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

WHITTIER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Essex, ss.

To the registered voters of Cities of Amesbury, Haverhill and Newburyport, and the Towns of Georgetown, Groveland, Ipswich, Merrimac, Newbury, Rowley, Salisbury and West Newbury, Massachusetts,

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified and warned that the inhabitants of the Cities of Amesbury, Haverhill and Newburyport and the Towns of Georgetown, Groveland, Ipswich, Merrimac, Newbury, Rowley, Salisbury and West Newbury, Massachusetts, registered to vote in any of said Cities or Towns, as the case may be, being the members of the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical School District, are to meet at their respective polling places, on January 23, 2024 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., to wit,

In the CITY OF AMESBURY, at Amesbury High School, 5 Highland Street, in the TOWN OF GEORGETOWN, at the Penn Brook School Gymnasium, 68 Elm Street, in the TOWN OF GROVELAND, at the Town Hall, 183 Main Street, in the CITY OF HAVERHILL, at Somebody Cares, 358 Washington Street, in the CITY OF HAVERHILL, at Citizens Center, 10 Welcome Street, in the CITY OF HAVERHILL, at Haverhill High School, 137 Monument Street, in the CITY OF HAVERHILL, at the Hunking School, 480 South Main Street, in the CITY OF HAVERHILL, at the Bradford Elementary School, 116 Montvale Street, in the CITY OF HAVERHILL, at the Moody School, 59 Margin Street, in the CITY OF HAVERHILL, at Haverhill Public Library, 99 Main Street, in the CITY OF HAVERHILL, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 15 Kenoza Avenue, in the CITY OF HAVERHILL, at Nettle Middle School, 150 Boardman Street, in the CITY OF HAVERHILL, at Northern Essex Community College – Tech Center, 100 Elliott Street, in the CITY OF HAVERHILL, at Kennedy Circle Community Room, 1 Kennedy Circle, in the CITY OF HAVERHILL, at the Julian Steele Community Room, 772 Washington Street, in the CITY OF HAVERHILL, First Presbyterian Church, 346 Broadway, in the CITY OF HAVERHILL, at West Congregational Church, 767 Broadway, in the CITY OF HAVERHILL, at JG Whittier School, 256 Concord Street, in the CITY OF HAVERHILL, at Pentucket Lake School, 252 Concord Street, in the CITY OF HAVERHILL, at Presidential Gardens Community Room, 140 Evergreen Drive, in the TOWN OF IPSWICH, at the YMCA, 110 County Road, in the TOWN OF MERRIMAC, at the Merrimac Public Library, 86 West Street, in the TOWN OF NEWBURY, at the Newbury Fire Station, 3 Morgan Avenue, in the TOWN OF NEWBURY, at the Newbury Town Library, 0 Lunt Street, Byfield, in the CITY OF NEWBURYPORT, at the Plum Island Boat House, 300 Northern Boulevard, in the CITY OF NEWBURYPORT, at People's United Methodist Church, 64

Purchase Street, in the CITY OF NEWBURYPORT, at the Newburyport Public Library, 94 State Street, in the CITY OF NEWBURYPORT, at the Hope Community Church, 11 Hale Street, in the CITY OF NEWBURYPORT, at the Senior Community Center, 331 High Street, in the TOWN OF ROWLEY, at Saint Mary's Church, Rear, 196 Main Street, in the TOWN OF SALISBURY, at the Hilton Senior Center, 39 Lafayette Road and in the TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY, at the Town Annex, 379 Main Street,

to vote by BALLOT on the following question:

Do you approve of the vote of the Regional District School Committee of the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical School District, adopted on December 13, 2023, to authorize the borrowing of four hundred, forty-four million, six-hundred thirteen thousand, eight-hundred, thirteen dollars (\$444,613,813) to pay costs of designing, constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new District high school to be located at 115 Amesbury Line Road, Haverhill, Massachusetts, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, which vote provides, in relevant part, as follows:

“VOTED: That the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical School District (the “District”) hereby appropriates the amount of four hundred forty-four million six-hundred thirteen thousand eight-hundred thirteen dollars (\$444,613,813) for the purpose of paying costs of designing, constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new District high school and related athletic facilities, located at 115 Amesbury Line Road, Haverhill, Massachusetts, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto (the “Project”), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended at the direction of the School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the District is authorized to borrow said amount, under and pursuant to G.L. c. 71, §16(n), G.L. c. 71, §14D and the District Agreement, as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The District acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District; provided further that any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA shall not exceed the lesser of (1) sixty-one and thirty-nine one hundredths percent (61.39%) of eligible, approved Project costs, as determined by the MSBA, and (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA. The debt authorized by this vote of the Committee shall be submitted to the registered voters of the District’s member communities for approval at a District-wide election to be held on January 23, 2024 in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 71, §16(n) G.L. c. 71, §14D and the District Agreement.”

Yes _____ No _____

The polls will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The District Secretary is hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least one public place in each of the Cities of Amesbury, Haverhill and

Newburyport, and the Towns of Georgetown, Groveland, Ipswich, Merrimac, Newbury, Rowley, Salisbury and West Newbury, Massachusetts, and by publishing a copy thereof at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, said posting and publication to occur at least ten days before the day of election as aforesaid.

The District Secretary shall make due return of this Warrant with his or her doings thereon to the District Secretary, on or before the day of the election aforesaid.

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Given under our hands and the seal of the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical School District this 13th day of December, 2023.

Patricia O'Blaney
Michael Papp
St. Copinger
B. K. L. L.
David E. Ling
John O'Connell

St. Wood
James James
Bob Murphy
Latanya L. L.
John L.
John L.
John M. L.
Whittier Regional Vocational Technical
School District School Committee

RETURN OF SERVICE

The undersigned, Secretary of the Regional District School Committee of the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical School District, certify that at least 10 days prior to January 23, 2024, I posted or caused to be posted, a true and attested copy of this warrant in the Town Clerk's office in each of the Cities of Amesbury, Haverhill and Newburyport, and the Towns of Georgetown, Groveland, Ipswich, Merrimac, Newbury, Rowley, Salisbury and West Newbury, Massachusetts (collectively, the District's "Member Communities"), and in addition, that I caused a copy of the within warrant to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Member Communities of the District on January 3, 2024, which date was also at least 10 days prior to January 23, 2024, all as required by Chapter 71, Section 16(n) of the General Laws.

David E. Ling
District Secretary

DATE: 12/13/23

A True Copy Attest:

David E. Ling
District Secretary

DATE: 12/13/23