TOWN WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF AROOSTOOK

TO: Ryan Gundy, resident of the Town of Easton, in the County of Aroostook.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, in said County to assemble at the Easton Elementary School gymnasium, Bangor Road in said Easton, on June 2, 2025 at 7:00 PM, and then and there to act on Articles 1 through 17, all of the Articles being set out below, to wit:

Article 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: (Written ballot required) Shall the Town approve additional appropriations for the 2024-2025 school operating budget as follows:

Regular Instruction- \$56,839.00

<u>Debt Service- \$11,393.00</u>

Total additional appropriation- \$68,232.00

and ratify a total 2024-2025 school operating budget of \$4,428,572 and shall the Town raise and appropriate \$66,116.00 for the 2024-2025 school year?

School Committee Recommends: Yes School Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Article 3: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

School Committee Recommends: \$1,712,750.00 School Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,712,750.00

Article 4: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

School Committee Recommends: \$572,450.00 School Budget Committee Recommends: \$572,450.00

Article 5: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

School Committee Recommends: \$165,990.00 School Budget Committee Recommends: \$165,990.00

Article 6: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

School Committee Recommends: \$336,254.00 School Budget Committee Recommends: \$336,254.00 **Article 7:** To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

School Committee Recommends: \$313,989.00 School Budget Committee Recommends: \$300,000.00

Article 8: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

School Committee Recommends: \$414,694.00 School Budget Committee Recommends: \$414,694.00

Article 9: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

School Committee Recommends: \$161,935.00 School Budget Committee Recommends: \$161,935.00

Article 10: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

School Committee Recommends: \$936,861.00 School Budget Committee Recommends: \$936,861.00

Explanation: The Debt Service for the Heating System in the amount of \$257,000 is included in this article as it is not considered a debt service for school construction.

Article 11: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

School Committee Recommends: \$25,025.00 School Budget Committee Recommends: \$25,025.00

Article 12: To see what sum the Town of Easton will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from Pre-Kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (Recommend \$2,400,509.64) and to see what sum the Town of Easton will raise as the Town of Easton's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-Kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688. (Recommend \$1,827,153.33)

School Committee Recommends That the Town raise: \$1,827,153.33 and Appropriate \$2,400,509.64

School Budget Committee Recommends That the Town raise: \$1,827,153.33 and Appropriate \$2,400,509.64

Explanation: The Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-Kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the town must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

Article 13: (Written Ballot Required) Shall the Town of Easton raise and appropriate \$2,158,038.36 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$2,158,038.36 as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee?

The School Committee recommends \$2,158,038.36

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act. Local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service will help achieve the school department budget for educational programs.

School Budget Committee Recommends: \$2,144,049,36

Article 14: To see what sum the Town of Easton will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 from the town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee Recommends: \$4,639,948.00 School Budget Committee Recommends: \$4,625.959.00

Article 15: To see if the Town of Easton will authorize the Easton School Committee to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

School Committee Recommends: Yes School Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Article 16: To see if the Town of Easton will authorize the Easton School Committee to use all or part of any additional state subsidy received, in excess of the amount included in this budget, to increase the allocation of finances in a reserve fund approved by the Easton School Committee and/or decrease the local cost share expectation, as defined in Title 20-A, section 15671A (1)(B), for local property taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the Easton School Committee.

School Committee Recommends: Yes School Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Article 17: To see if the Town of Easton will raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,200.00 for ambulance service.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS MAY 19, 2025 A.D.

Tammy Beaulier-Fuller

Norman Trask

Douglas R. Blackstone

Scott F. Allen

ATTEST:

Heidi Burtt. Town Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF AROOSTOOK

Pursuant to the within warrant, I certify that I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose therein named, by posting this day an attested copy of the within warrant at:

Easton Town Office Country Farms Market Easton Elementary School Easton High School Easton Post Office

The same being public and conspicuous places in said Town, on May 22, 2025, which is at least 7 days next prior to said meeting.

Dated: May 22, 2025