

SAMPLE

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ESSEX WESTFORD EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY
UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #51 ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 14, 2026

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- Use BLACK Pen to fill in the oval. DO NOT USE PENCIL.
- To vote, fill in the oval to the right of your choice.
- If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. DO NOT ERASE.

ARTICLES

Article I: To authorize the Essex Westford School District to borrow money to be used for the payment of District expenses by the issuance of notes or orders payable not later than one year from the date of issuance, pending receipt of payments from the State Education Fund.

YES ☒
NO ☐

Article II: Shall the voters of the Essex Westford School District approve the school board to expend \$102,014,902, which is the amount the school board has determined necessary for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026? The Essex Westford School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per-pupil education spending of \$14,468, which is 2.82% higher than per-pupil education spending for the current year.

YES ☐
NO ☒

Article III: Shall the voters of the Essex Westford School District authorize the school board to allocate the FY2025 audited fund balance of \$4,234,392 without effect upon the District tax levy as follows: assign \$4,034,392 as revenue for the FY2027 operating budget and assign the remaining balance, \$200,000, as revenue for future operating budgets?

YES ☐
NO ☒

Article IV: Shall the voters of the Essex Westford School District approve the school board to expend \$9,747,737, which is the amount the school board has determined necessary for the support of the Center for Technology Essex for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026?

YES ☐
NO ☒

Article V: Shall the voters of the Essex Westford School District authorize the school board to allocate the Center for Technology Essex FY2025 audited fund balance of \$1,053,800 without effect upon the District tax levy as follows: assign \$300,449 as revenue for the Center for Technology Essex FY2027 operating budget and assign the remaining balance, \$753,351 as revenue for future operating budgets?

YES ☐
NO ☒

Article VI: Shall the Essex Westford School District change the date of its Annual Meeting, beginning in 2027 and each year thereafter, from the second Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday in March?

YES ☐
NO ☒