

**SCHOOL BUDGET ARTICLES TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FOR THE  
JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026 FISCAL YEAR**

**ARTICLE S1.** To see what sum the town will authorize the school committee to expend for Regular Instruction. (Elementary Instruction Program, Secondary Instruction Program, Alternative Education, English as a 2nd Language, Gifted and Talented)

**School Committee Recommends: \$1,266,537.61**  
**Finance Committee Recommends: \$1,266,537.61**

*Explanation: The \$1,266,537.61 represents the following expenses:*

*Elementary Instruction- \$848,407.11*

*Regular Secondary Program (High School Tuition)- \$416,880.50*

*Gifted and Talented Program- \$1,250.00*

**ARTICLE S2.** To see what sum the town will authorize the school committee to expend for Special Education. (Special Education Programs and Administration)

**School Committee Recommends: \$272,350.77**  
**Finance Committee Recommends: \$272,350.77**

*Explanation: The \$272,350.77 represents the following expenses:*

*Elementary Special Education- \$192,391.24*

*High School Special Education- \$34,617.71*

*Administrative Costs (SU #93 Special Education Director and Assistant Director)- \$45,341.82*

**ARTICLE S3.** To see what sum the town will authorize the school committee to expend for Other Instruction. (Co-curricular, Extra-curricular, Summer School)

**School Committee Recommends: \$13,670.61**  
**Finance Committee Recommends: \$13,670.61**

*Explanation: The \$13,670.61 represents the following expenses:*

*Summer Literacy Camp- \$2,520.61*

*Co-Curricular- \$1,750.00*

*Athletics- \$9,000.00*

*Playground Equipment- \$400.00*

**ARTICLE S4.** To see what sum the town will authorize the school committee to expend for Student and Staff Support. (Guidance Services, Health Services, Library Services, Instructional Technology, Instructional Staff Training, Curriculum Development)

**School Committee Recommends: \$94,762.21**  
**Finance Committee Recommends: \$94,762.21**

*Explanation: The \$94,762.21 represents the following expenses:*

*Guidance Services- \$12,602.27*

*Library Services- \$10,451.71*

*Student Health Services- \$38,241.54*

*Instructional Staff Training- \$1,308.31*

*Curriculum Development- \$2,062.87*  
*Technology Services- \$30,095.51*

**ARTICLE S5.** To see what sum the town will authorize the school committee to expend for System Administration. (School Board Services, Office of the Superintendent Services)

**School Committee Recommends: \$103,790.61**  
**Finance Committee Recommends: \$103,790.61**

*Explanation: The \$103,790.61 represents the following expenses:*  
*School Committee Services- \$15,543.33*  
*Office of the Superintendent- \$88,247.28*

**ARTICLE S6.** To see what sum the town will authorize the school committee to expend for School Administration.

**School Committee Recommends: \$128,693.01**  
**Finance Committee Recommends: \$128,693.01**

*Explanation: The \$128,693.01 represents the following expenses:*  
*Salaries/Benefits- \$116,350.34*  
*Equipment/Services- \$7,424.67*  
*Supplies- \$2,000.00*  
*Training- \$2,301.00*  
*Dues/Fees- \$617.00*

**ARTICLE S7.** To see what sum the town will authorize the school committee to expend for Transportation and Buses.

**School Committee Recommends: \$91,703.98**  
**Finance Committee Recommends: \$91,703.98**

*Explanation: The \$91,703.98 represents the following expenses:*  
*Bus Driver Wages/Benefits- \$58,301.20*  
*Driver Training- \$975.78*  
*Maintenance/Repair of Buses- \$15,768.00*  
*Insurance on School Buses- \$1,659.00*  
*Fuel- \$15,000.00*

**ARTICLE S8.** To see what sum the town will authorize the school committee to expend for Facilities Maintenance. (Maintenance/Custodial, Capital Enhancement & Improvement, Capital Renewal & Renovation)

**School Committee Recommends: \$181,239.05**  
**Finance Committee Recommends: \$181,239.05**

*Explanation: The \$181,239.05 represents the following expenses:*  
*Custodial Wages/Benefits- \$86,199.05*  
*Training- \$175.00*

*Maintenance Services/Supplies- \$33,420.00*  
*Property/Casualty Insurance- \$7,045.00*  
*Electricity- \$22,000.00*  
*Heating Oil- \$30,000.00*  
*Building Furniture/Fixture/Equipment- \$2,400.00*

**ARTICLE S9.** To see what sum the town will authorize the school committee to expend for All Other Expenditures, including the food service program, with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the food service program.

**School Committee Recommends: \$56,740.22**  
**Finance Committee Recommends: \$56,740.22**

*Explanation: The \$92,740.22 represents the following expenses and is reduced by \$36,000 of revenue:*

*Kitchen Staff Wages/Benefits- \$49,360.22*  
*Training/Licencing- \$350.00*  
*Propane- \$1,350.00*  
*Equipment/Supplies- \$4,200.00*  
*Repair/Maintenance- \$800.00*  
*Food-\$36,680.00*

**ARTICLE S10.** To see what sum the town 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 and to see what sum the town will raise as 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 in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

**School Committee Recommends \$1,480,712.97 that be appropriated and \$1,354,800.01 be raised.**  
**Finance Committee Recommends that \$1,480,712.97 be appropriated and \$1,354,800.01 be raised.**

*State-Mandated 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 a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.*

**ARTICLE S11. (Written Ballot Required).** To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

**School Committee and Finance Committee Recommend \$728,776.00** for additional local funds and give the following reason for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$: in order to maintain current programs and offerings.

*State-Mandated 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 and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Penobscot Public Schools budget for educational programs.*

**ARTICLE S12.** To see what sum the town 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, local funds for debt service on 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: \$2,209,488.07**  
**Finance Committee Recommends: \$2,209,488.07**

**ARTICLE S13.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$116,983 for a new roof and authorize the School Committee to expend those funds as it deems necessary for that purpose.

**School Committee Recommends: Yes**  
**Finance Committee Recommends: Yes**

*Explanation: The School Committee intends to use these funds to complete the upgrades to the school roof.*

**ARTICLE S14.** Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend \$30,000 from the Building Repairs Reserve Fund for the purpose of upgrading the roof at the Penobscot Community School.

**School Committee Recommends: Yes**  
**Finance Committee Recommends: Yes**

*Explanation: The School Committee intends to use these funds to complete the upgrades to the school roof.*

**ARTICLE S15.** To see what sum the Town will raise for the Technology Reserve Fund.

**School Committee Recommends: \$5,000.00**  
**Finance Committee Recommends: \$5,000.00**

*Explanation: The School Committee intends for the \$5,000.00 to be used for laptops when an upgrade is needed.*

**ARTICLE S16.** To see what sum the Town will raise for the School Bus Reserve Fund.

**School Committee Recommends: \$5,000.00**

**Finance Committee Recommends: \$5,000.00**

*Explanation: The School Committee intends for the \$5,000.00 to be used for laptops when an upgrade is needed.*