Correction to 2022-2023 RSU 4 School Budget

Recently, Regional School Unit No. 4 was made aware of an inadvertent numerical error made on Warrant Article 13 that the voters approved at the RSU Budget Meeting on May 18, 2022.

Towns have been assessed at the correct amount needed for Additional Local Funds. The correction is NOT going to result in any additional assessment.

The correct amount of Additional Local Funds was included in the budget documents used throughout the budget approval process as the amount of Additional Local Funds needed to support the \$21,291,591 School Budget approved by the voters. The error was only in the number printed in the text of Warrant Article 13.

The School Board is committed to correcting the amount of Additional Local Funds stated in Article 13 to match the Additional Local Funds needed to meet the approved School Budget for this school year.

Article 13 needs to state, "Shall Regional Unit No. 4 raise and Appropriate \$3,649,525 in additional local funds which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$3,649,525 as required to fund the budget recommended by the Board of Directors?"

The incorrect Article 13, approved by voters on May 18, 2022, stated, "Shall Regional Unit No. 4 raise and Appropriate \$1,752,630 in additional local funds which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$1,752,630 as required to fund the budget recommended by the Board of Directors?"

The School Board plans the following steps to correct the numerical error:

- At its September 28, 2022 meeting the School Board will call a Corrective RSU Budget Meeting and Corrective Budget Validation Referendum, which will allow the voters to correct the error.
- The Corrective RSU Budget Meeting to correct Article 13 will be held on October 12, 2022 at 6:30.
- A Corrective Budget Validation Referendum (secret ballot) will be held on November 8,
 2022, for the voters to approve the action taken at the Corrective RSU Budget Meeting.

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