

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN OF WELLS AND SCHOOL
DISTRICT MEETING BALLOT
WELLS, VERMONT
MARCH 7, 2017

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

To vote YES or NO on any article, fill in the oval on the right side of your choice.

SCHOOL ARTICLE

SCHOOL ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters of the Wells Town School District approve the school board to expend \$2,219,517.23, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in total education spending of \$12,904.30 per equalized pupil. This projected total spending per equalized pupil is 1.7% higher than spending for the current year.

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2.00 YES
 99 NO

TOWN ARTICLES

ARTICLE 3: Shall the town vote a sum not to exceed \$869,050.00 to be used to defray the general expenses of the town and for maintaining highways?

Blank 5 256 YES
 46 NO

ARTICLE 4: Shall the town vote to appropriate \$15,000.00 to the Wells Volunteer Fire Department Inc. for the continuing payment on the KME pumper truck?

Blank 1 271 YES
 35 NO

ARTICLE 5: Shall the town vote to appropriate \$15,000.00 to the Wells Volunteer Fire Department Inc. to help defray operating and insurance expenses?

(By Petition)
 Blank 2 260 YES
 45 NO

ARTICLE 6: Shall the town vote to appropriate \$12,000.00 to the Lake St. Catherine Association?

Blank 4 188 YES
 115 NO

ARTICLE 7: Shall the town vote to appropriate \$10,000.00 to the Lake St. Catherine Conservation Fund, Inc.?

Blank 2 199 YES
 106 NO

ARTICLE 8: Shall the town vote to appropriate \$10,000.00 as a grant to the Lake St. Catherine Conservation Fund, Inc. for the purpose of implementing a one-year pilot program to study the effectiveness and feasibility of an aquatic nuisance plant harvesting program on Little Lake during either the summer of 2017 or 2018?
 (By Petition)
 Blank 4 188 YES
 115 NO

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$8,000.00 to the Granville Rescue Squad for their services to the Town of Wells?
 Blank 2 278 YES
 27 NO

ARTICLE 10: Shall the town vote to appropriate \$2,303.00 to the Rutland Area VNA & Hospice?

Blank 6 256 YES
 45 NO

ARTICLE 11: Shall the town vote to appropriate \$2,000.00 to Our Neighbors Table?

Blank 5 246 YES
 56 NO

ARTICLE 12: Shall the town vote to appropriate \$1,030.00 to the Rutland Mental Health Services Inc.?

Blank 6 246 YES
 55 NO

ARTICLE 13: Shall the town vote to appropriate \$1,000.00 to the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?

Blank 5 254 YES
 48 NO

ARTICLE 14: Shall the town vote to appropriate \$500.00 to the VT Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired?

Blank 7 255 YES
 45 NO

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TOWN ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 15: Shall the town vote to appropriate \$500.00 to the Poultry-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District?

Blank 12 210 YES 85 NO

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$475.00 to BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?

Blank 13 218 YES 76 NO

ARTICLE 17: Shall the town vote to appropriate \$400.00 to the Vermont Adult Learning Center?

Blank 13 227 YES 67 NO

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$300.00 to Rutland County Parent Child Center?

Blank 8 236 YES 63 NO

ARTICLE 19: Shall the town vote to appropriate \$200.00 to Vermont Cares?

Blank 11 220 YES 76 NO

ARTICLE 20: Shall the town vote to appropriate \$200.00 to Neighbor Works of Western Vermont?

Blank 10 209 YES 88 NO

ARTICLE 21: Shall the town vote to appropriate \$160.00 to the Vermont Center for Independent Living?

Blank 6 242 YES 59 NO

ARTICLE 22: Shall the town vote to appropriate \$150.00 to the Rutland County Humane Society?

Blank 6 255 YES 46 NO

ARTICLE 23: Shall the town vote to appropriate \$150.00 to the Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter, Inc.?

Blank 7 249 YES 51 NO

ARTICLE 24: Shall the town vote to appropriate \$100.00 to Green Up Vermont?

Blank 6 256 YES 45 NO

ARTICLE 25: Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$100.00 to Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force?

Blank 9 245 YES 53 NO

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ARTICLE

Article I.

Shall the Wells Town School District, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed unified union school district, join with the school district of Middletown Springs, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed unified union school district, for the purpose of forming a unified union school district to be named the Wells Springs Unified Union School District, as provided in Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements.

If both necessary districts vote to approve the merger, the Wells Springs Unified Union School District will commence full educational operations and services on July 1, 2018 under the provisions of 16 VSA Chapter 11; provided however, that the votes approving creation of the Unified Union School District shall not become effective unless and until the voters of the Poultney, Proctor and West Rutland School Districts vote to approve formation of the Quarry Valley Unified Union District, thereby enabling the two unified union school districts to form a "Side-by-Side" structure within the same supervisory union.

(a) **Grades.** The Unified Union School District will offer pre-kindergarten through grade six education to all students in the Unified Union School District and tuition students in grades 7-12

(b) **Board of School Directors.** A town district's representation on the Unified Union School District School Board will be determined as an at-large hybrid model. Membership on the School Board is apportioned to each town. Apportionment does not have to be proportional to a town's population. Voters in both member towns vote on the same slate of candidates. The ballot for school directors is categorized to represent each town's apportioned seats on the Unified Union School Board. At no time will a town/village corresponding to a pre-existing member school district have less than one board member with a total weighted vote of one on the board of school directors. The at-large hybrid model that determines the board membership will remain in place for the first three years of the new Unified Union. At any time after this the Unified Union School Board shall evaluate and consider the advisability of implementing a town-by-town proportional model.

(c) **Assumption of debts and ownership of school property.** The Unified Union School District shall assume the indebtedness of member districts and assume all operating deficits and/or surpluses or reserve funds of the member districts; acquire and pay for the school properties of member districts; all as specifically identified and provided for in Articles 4, 7 and 8 in the Final Report. The complete provisions of Articles 7 and 8 regarding operating deficits and/or surpluses, reserve funds, acquisition of school properties are set forth in the Final Report and are incorporated in their entirety by reference herein.

(d) **School Closing.** After July 1, 2018, no school facility shall be closed without a unanimous vote of the Unified Union School Board and an affirmative vote of the community in which the school is located.

(e) **Final Report.** The provisions of the Final Report approved by the State Board of Education on January 17, 2017, which is on file in the Middletown Springs Town Clerk's office, shall govern the unified union school district.

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YES 146
NO 147

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- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

Article II. To elect seven (7) school directors from the nominees, to serve on the school board of the proposed unified union school district board from the date of the organizational meeting for the following terms:

<p>SCHOOL DIRECTOR WHO RESIDES IN THE TOWN OF WELLS</p> <p>(1 Yr Term) Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>SHANE REED <input type="radio"/> 262 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Blank <input type="radio"/> 41 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write in <input type="radio"/> 5 (Write-in)</p>	<p>SCHOOL DIRECTOR WHO RESIDES IN THE TOWN OF WELLS OR IN THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS</p> <p>(1 Yr Term) Vote for not more than ONE (Wells) <input type="radio"/> (Middletown Springs) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>SUE BURKE <input type="radio"/> 214 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>MEREDITH MORGAN <input type="radio"/> 51 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Blank <input type="radio"/> 40 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write in <input type="radio"/> 3 (Write-in)</p>	<p>SCHOOL DIRECTOR WHO RESIDES IN THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS</p> <p>(1 Yr Term) Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>MEREDITH MORGAN <input type="radio"/> 211 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Blank <input type="radio"/> 94 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write in <input type="radio"/> 3 (Write-in)</p>
<p>SCHOOL DIRECTOR WHO RESIDES IN THE TOWN OF WELLS</p> <p>(2 Yr Term) Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>COURTNEY BISHOP <input type="radio"/> 269 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Blank <input type="radio"/> 37 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write in <input type="radio"/> 2 (Write-in)</p>	<p>SCHOOL DIRECTOR WHO RESIDES IN THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS</p> <p>(2 Yr Term) Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>SARAH HALEY <input type="radio"/> 205 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Blank <input type="radio"/> 101 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write in <input type="radio"/> 2 (Write-in)</p>	
<p>SCHOOL DIRECTOR WHO RESIDES IN THE TOWN OF WELLS</p> <p>(3 Yr Term) Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>LAURA BURCH <input type="radio"/> 266 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Blank <input type="radio"/> 38 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write in <input type="radio"/> 4 (Write-in)</p>	<p>SCHOOL DIRECTOR WHO RESIDES IN THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS</p> <p>(3 Yr Term) Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>CLARENCE HAYNES <input type="radio"/> 213 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Blank <input type="radio"/> 93 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write in <input type="radio"/> 2 (Write-in)</p>	

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 To vote for a candidate whose name does not appear on the ballot, write that candidate's name on a "write-in" line provided and fill in the oval in the box to the right of your "write-in" entry.

TOWN MODERATOR <small>Vote for not more than ONE</small>	LIBRARY TRUSTEE <small>Vote for not more than ONE</small>	SCHOOL MODERATOR <small>Vote for not more than ONE</small>
(1 Yr Term) RONALD BREMER 292 <input type="checkbox"/> Blank 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Write in 3 (Write-in) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(4 Yr Term) BECKY COREY 277 <input type="checkbox"/> Blank 26 <input type="checkbox"/> Write in 4 (Write-in) <input type="checkbox"/>	(1 Yr Term) RONALD BREMER 287 <input type="checkbox"/> Blank 16 <input type="checkbox"/> Write in 4 (Write-in) <input type="checkbox"/>
SELECT BOARD <small>Vote for not more than ONE</small>	PLANNING COMMISSION <small>Vote for not more than TWO</small>	SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK <small>Vote for not more than ONE</small>
(3 Yr Term) RONALD BREMER 212 <input type="checkbox"/> TIMOTHY MAKEPEACE 88 <input type="checkbox"/> Blank 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Write in (Write-in) <input type="checkbox"/>	(3 Yr Term) WILLIAM CHMIELEWSKI 217 <input type="checkbox"/> CAROLE DUQUETTE 227 <input type="checkbox"/> Blank 167 <input type="checkbox"/> Write in 3 (Write-in) <input type="checkbox"/> (Write-in) <input type="checkbox"/>	(1 Yr Term) NORA REED SARGENT 290 <input type="checkbox"/> Blank 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Write in 5 (Write-in) <input type="checkbox"/>
LISTER <small>Vote for not more than ONE</small>	GRAND JUROR <small>Vote for not more than ONE</small>	SCHOOL DIRECTOR <small>Vote for not more than ONE</small>
(3 Yr Term) WINIFRED WITHERBEE 215 <input type="checkbox"/> Blank 30 <input type="checkbox"/> Write in 2 (Write-in) <input type="checkbox"/>	(1 Yr Term) BRIAN R. LYFORD 272 <input type="checkbox"/> Blank 32 <input type="checkbox"/> Write in 3 (Write-in) <input type="checkbox"/>	(3 Yr Term) COURTNEY BISHOP 276 <input type="checkbox"/> Blank 28 <input type="checkbox"/> Write in 3 (Write-in) <input type="checkbox"/>
LIBRARY TRUSTEE <small>Vote for not more than ONE</small>	TOWN AGENT <small>Vote for not more than ONE</small>	
(5 Yr Term) MICHELLE BATES 151 <input type="checkbox"/> LISA MATTISON 143 <input type="checkbox"/> Blank 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Write in 1 (Write-in) <input type="checkbox"/>	(1 Yr Term) DONNA M. LAMB 274 <input type="checkbox"/> Blank 32 <input type="checkbox"/> Write in 1 (Write-in) <input type="checkbox"/>	