

# VOTER GUIDE

RSU21 BUDGET VALIDATION ELECTION

THURSDAY  
AUGUST 28, 2025

Polls open from 6AM – 8PM

Edward C. Winston Auditorium  
1 Summer Street, Kennebunk ME

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# ABSENTEE VOTING IS AVAILABLE

Absentee ballots will be available starting Wednesday July 30<sup>th</sup> for the August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 election. Please note that in addition to our regular office hours Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, the Town Clerk's Office will also be open for early voting on:

Saturday August 16, 2025 from 9 AM to 12 PM

Sunday August 17, 2025 from 9 AM to 12 PM

Thursday August 21, 2025 from 8 AM to 7:30 PM

## Frequently Asked Questions:

### **Q. Can I vote absentee instead of coming to the election?**

**A.** Yes! We always encourage absentee/early voting. This is a convenient, secure way to vote from the comfort of your own home with no lines and no waiting.

### **Q. How do I request an absentee ballot?**

**A.** You can request ballots/vote early in one of the following ways:

- ✓ Complete an [online request form \(PDF\)](#). Your ballots will be mailed to you.
- ✓ Call 207-604-1326 and request ballots be mailed to your mailing address.
- ✓ Come in to the Town Clerk's Office and take ballots home to all in your household.
- ✓ Come in to the Town Clerk's Office and vote in person once absentee ballots are available.

### **Q. How do I return my ballots?**

**A.** Enclose all your ballots in the provided envelope (even if they are blank) and be sure to sign the back flap of the envelope. Failure to do so will result in your ballots not being counted. All ballots must be returned before 8PM on Election Day. You have the following options to return your ballots:

- ✓ Drop them off in the Election Drop Box located at the Town Hall Green Street ramp entrance.
- ✓ Mail them back in the envelope provided.
- ✓ Hand-deliver them to us at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours.
- ✓ Hand deliver them to us in the Auditorium on Election Day.

**NOTICE OF AMOUNTS ADOPTED AT BUDGET MEETING  
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 21  
INFORMATION FOR VOTERS AT BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM**

TO: Municipal Clerks of the Towns of Arundel, Kennebunk and Kennebunkport, State of Maine

In the name of the State of Maine and pursuant to 20-A M.R.S. § 1486(2) you are hereby directed to display this Notice of Amounts Adopted at Budget Meeting at the polling places within your respective municipalities to assist the voters of Regional School Unit No. 21 (the "Regional School Unit") in voting at the budget validation referendum to be held on August 28, 2025, for the purpose of determining if the Regional School Unit budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year that was adopted at the Regional School Unit budget meeting on July 22, 2025, should be approved.

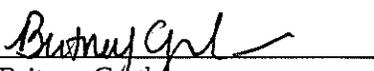
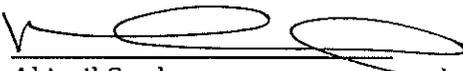
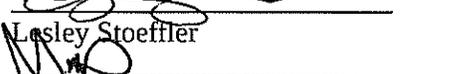
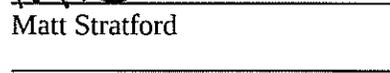
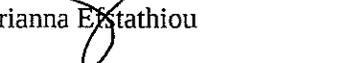
<b>Cost Center Summary Budget Category</b>	<b>Amount Recommended by School Board</b>	<b>Amount Approved by Voters at Budget Meeting<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular Instruction	\$ 24,622,254	\$ 24,622,254
Special Education	\$ 12,993,255	\$ 12,993,255
Career and Technical Education	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other Instruction	\$ 1,472,775	\$ 1,472,775
Student and Staff Support	\$ 5,084,215	\$ 5,084,215
System Administration	\$ 1,817,564	\$ 1,817,564
School Administration	\$ 2,536,463	\$ 2,536,463
Transportation and Buses	\$ 3,696,358	\$ 3,696,358
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 5,578,532	\$ 5,578,532
Debt Service and Other Commitments	\$ 3,707,252	\$ 3,707,252
All Other Expenditures	\$ 155,000	\$ 155,000
<b>Summary of Total Authorized General Fund Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$ 61,663,668</b>	<b>\$ 61,663,668</b>

<sup>1</sup>Amounts to be completed by Superintendent of Schools under authority of the School Board.

The amount approved at the Regional School Unit budget meeting includes locally raised funds that exceed the maximum state and local spending target pursuant to 20-A M.R.S. § 15671-A(5).

Disposition of Additional State Subsidy<sup>2</sup>: The voters of the Regional School Unit have authorized the School Board to use all or part of additional state subsidy received, if any, to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Board, increase the allocation of finances in a reserve fund approved by the School Board, and/or decrease the local cost share expectation, as defined in Title 20-A, section 15671-A(1)(B), for local property taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the School Board.

<sup>2</sup>Under authority of the School Board, the Superintendent of Schools must strike the statement concerning Disposition of Additional State Subsidy if the voters did not so authorize.

 _____ Leah Bares	 _____ Britney Gerth	 _____ Abigail Spadone
_____ Mandy Cummings	 _____ Rachel Kennedy Smith	 _____ Lesley Stoeffler
_____ Robert Domine	 _____ Brian McGrath	 _____ Matt Stratford
 _____ Arianna Ekstathiou	 _____ Megan Michaud	_____ Kirstan Watson

A majority of the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 21

Dated: 7/22, 2025   
 Dr. Terri Cooper, Superintendent of Schools, Regional School Unit No. 21

STATE OF MAINE  
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 21  
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM  
OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE TOWN OF KENNEBUNK  
AUGUST 28, 2025



Chair of the School Board

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:**

Vote “yes” or “no” by making a cross (X) or check mark (✓) in the square of your choice at the left of the question.

Yes

No

Question 1: Do you favor approving the Regional School Unit No. 21 budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest Regional School Unit budget meeting?

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