

## ARTICLE 13

### ESTABLISH A SPECIAL EDUCATION RESERVE FUND

#### **WARRANT COMMITTEE MEMBER: ED VOZZELLA**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 13E of the Massachusetts General Laws to establish a Special Education Reserve Fund and vote to transfer a sum of \$200,000 from certified Free Cash into the “Special Education Reserve Fund” and to see if the Town will dedicate all of the revenue received by the School District for Medicare Reimbursements, effective for fiscal year 2026, beginning July 1, 2025, until said time as the fund has reached two percent of annual net school spending; or do or act anything in relation thereto.

#### **POSITIVE MOTION**

Move to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 13E and to transfer \$200,000 from certified Free Cash and otherwise take the action set out in the Warrant.

**Warrant Committee Report:** *Special Education Reserve Funds were enabled through the 2016 Municipal Modernization Act and governed by MGL Chapter 40, Section 13E. This fund is established by Town Meeting to be utilized in upcoming fiscal years to pay for unanticipated or unbudgeted costs of special education, out-of-district tuition, or transportation.*

*Establishment of this fund is being proposed to address the increase and unpredictable nature of special education costs. A policy on the use of this fund will be incorporated into the Town's financial policies. The District must first apply for extraordinary relief from the Special Education Circuit Breaker managed by the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). If the circuit breaker funds are denied or otherwise made not available to the Town of Medfield, the use of this fund can then be requested by the District but can only be expended after a majority vote of the School Committee and a majority vote of the Select Board.*

*The Warrant Committee recommends a transfer from certified Free Cash in the amount of \$200,000 for FY2025. In future years, the dedicated revenue source for this fund will be the Annual Medicare Reimbursements received by the District. The anticipated dedicated revenue will begin in FY2026. Per the statute the balance of this fund cannot exceed two percent (2%) of the annual net school spending of the district. The Treasurer Collector is authorized to invest the monies in the fund with the interest earned becoming part of the fund.*