

ARTICLE 19

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FEASIBILITY STUDY FUNDING

WARRANT COMMITTEE MEMBER: PETER MICHELSON

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$650,000 from certified Free Cash, to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee for paying the costs of a feasibility study including but not limited to, an independent comprehensive school enrollment and capacity analysis, public outreach, obtaining soil borings, topographical studies, land surveys, wetlands surveys, preliminary site development plans, schematic designs, architectural and engineering designs, cost estimates, independent enrollment studies, construction alternatives, and any incidental or related services, for the addition and/or renovation to or replacement of the Dale Street Elementary School, located at 45 Adams Street, Medfield, MA 02052; or do or act anything in relation thereto.

POSITIVE MOTION:

Move that the Town transfer the sum of **\$650,000** from certified Free Cash to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee for paying the costs of a feasibility study for purposes as set out in the Warrant.

Warrant Committee Report: *The Medfield School Building Committee (SBC) was reconstituted in early 2023 to study and evaluate options for the renovation and/or replacement of the current Dale Street School. To date, the Town has appropriated \$500,000 for the SBC to pay for the costs of a feasibility study including but not limited to the various studies mentioned in the above article. While some of the prior feasibility study may be available to be reused, there will be changes to project costs, building design and changes to space requirements, etc., necessitating a new feasibility study. The Town, through the School Committee and Select Board has again reapplied to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) program, and we will learn in December 2024 whether the MSBA will invite Medfield into the MSBA program. If invited into the MSBA program, full funding for a feasibility study is required to be in place to move forward in the program. This appropriation together with prior appropriations will bring us closer to fully funding the estimated cost of a feasibility study.*