Warrant Article <u>To; Seek the official endorsement of the citizens and tax payers of</u> (Stakeholders)to established a multidisciplinary volunteer Task Force (no cost to town) to identify short and long term efficiencies, cost savings, and opportunities. To responsibly reduce; tax burdens Vs_related SAU _____ school administration and cost controls. (Not_teacher salaries)

Citizens of ______ are directed under our civic duty under the NH Constitution Part; 1 Art 8, 12, and 38 the authority to establish a multidisciplinary Task Force of volunteers for the following, goals and responsibilities:

Goals

- a. Identify efficiencies, cost savings, and responsible use of tax payers funds to create a more fair balance between education funding, town assets, and local citizen tax burdens .
- b. Make recommendations to all stakeholders, and ensure that all factual information necessary to establishing the applicable burden of proof is elicited in a clear and comprehensive format;
- c. All Findings printed in the next Town Report with links from the town web site findings On or before Jan 2026

Responsibilities:

(1) Identify the resources, opportunities, and options to responsibly reduce the tax burden of citizens as it directly relates to ______ obligations to SAU_____.

(2) Analyze the current legal status of ______ obligations to SAU ____(ref: Bond Payments, Pension liabilities, and any and all obligations)

(3) Conduct a review of educational systems costs, identified efficiencies - return on investments, and write a final report to the Citizens regarding the possible benefits - challenges relating to;

(3a). Stay within the existing SAU _____ cost / community tax structure

(3b). Withdraw from the existing SAU _____; transitioning to: a public/ private charter school model

(3c).. Merge with other local schools to reduce long term costs.

<u>**Task Force Defined</u>**: Made up of community volunteers and others with unique skill sets to meet goals, as well as seek outside professional assistance, <u>at no cost to the Citizens of</u> ______. Task force will be initially co-chaired by ______ and ______ of ______ Nh. to recruit, organize and direct volunteers.</u>

Analyze and examine any other subject matter, which the Task Force deems relevant to the objective and goals. File a formal report to the citizens. All Findings printed in the next Town Report with links from the town web site findings - On or before Jan 2026

NEED #25 Names – address and signatures.... to file on or before Jan 5 2026

SUBSTITUTE YOUR SCHOOL HERE Statement of Fact:

The current budgeted cost drives in our local community will sadly pit public and community safety (Police, Fire, Roads) vs. Education in SAU16... *If we do not ACT to control spending or align efficiencies with other towns.*

Current elementary school built capacity v students Kensington 50% East Kingston Hampton Falls South Hampton

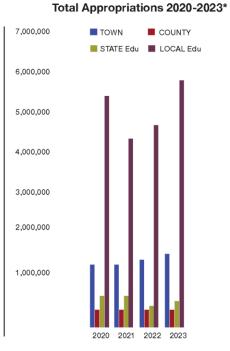
2023 Avg. cost per student \$25,599 (proficiency in Math 65%, Science 58%). Avg. 16.1 students per class.

2025 will be about the quality of life!

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Community affordability, accountability, spending controls as well as balance parental and taxpayer rights.

Please Support the town warrant article: To create a town taxpayer committee to investigate the possibility of merging elementary schools with other nearby communities in an effort to maximize efficencys, control spending, and reduce property taxes.



Example: Kensington, NH

Similar to other towns in the district