

COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Columbia qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said District on Tuesday, the 6th day of August 2024 at 4:00 pm, to act on Article 1:

01. Shall the School District accept the provisions of RSA 195-A as amended providing for the establishment of an area school or schools located in Colebrook to serve grades Kindergarten through 12th grade from the School District of Columbia in accordance with the provisions of the renewal plan on file with the District Clerk.

Given under our hands at said Columbia, the 11th day of July 2024.

COLUMBIA SCHOOL BOARD:

STACEY CAMPBELL, Chairman DocuSigned by:
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Kristin Brooks
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True Copy of Warrant – Attest:

COLUMBIA SCHOOL BOARD:

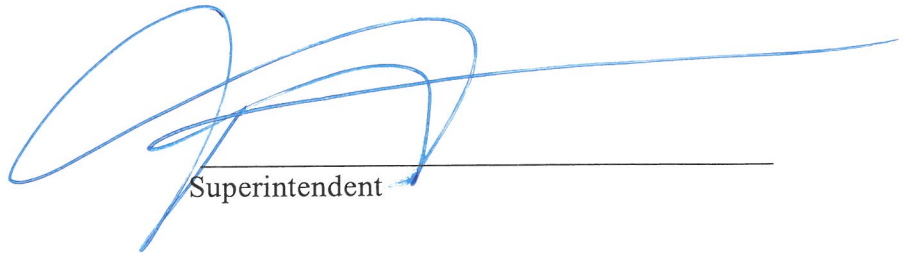
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I hereby certify that on the 15th day of July 2024, I posted a copy of the written WARRANT attested by the School Board of Columbia at the place of meeting and posted a like copy at the Columbia Town Office, being a public place in the Columbia School District and a copy of the same was posted on the School District's website and published in the newspaper of general circulation (the News and Sentinel on July 17, 2024 and the Colebrook Chronicle on July 19, 2024).



Superintendent

COOS SS.
Date: July 15, 2024

Personally appeared the above-named and made oath that the above affidavit by him/her subscribed is true

Billie Paquette
My Commission Expires

<p>Billie Paquette Notary Public, State of New Hampshire My Commission Expires November 2, 2027</p>

AREA AGREEMENT

THE COLEBROOK – COLUMBIA AUTHORIZED REGIONAL ENROLLMENT AREA PLAN BETWEEN THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF COLEBROOK AND COLUMBIA

This Agreement is continued pursuant to Chapter 195-A of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, as amended, between the School Districts of Colebrook and Columbia.

- A. The name of the Authorized Regional Enrollment Area Schools shall be the Colebrook Academy and Elementary School, located in Colebrook. The Colebrook School District shall be the receiving district and the Columbia School District shall be the sending district and together they shall form the region, which will be served by the AREA school. The receiving district shall be responsible for Grades K – 12.
- B. The rate of tuition shall be the local cost of current expenses per pupil in Grades Kindergarten, 1-8 and 9-12, respectively, for the school year immediately preceding. These costs shall be computed by the Superintendent of Schools and approved by the Colebrook School Board annually prior to December 3.
- C. Columbia preschool age students who meet the criteria as set forth by Colebrook will have the option of attending the preschool program. The rate of tuition shall be the local cost of all current expenses per pupil in the Preschool Program, respectively, for the school year immediately preceding.
- D. The tuition rates shall be made available to the sending district at the time they are approved by the Colebrook School Board.

The costs of Special Education support services (aide, speech, and occupational and physical therapy, behavioral and psychological support, alternative placement and transportation) provided by the receiving district for the students of the sending districts shall be charged to the sending district on an individual basis for the actual costs of the services provided (when these services are unique or not included in the comprehensive programs of the school)

E. State Aid

Except as otherwise expressly provided by law, state aid shall be credited as follows:

- Adequacy Grants for grades K through 12 students shall be credited to the respective school district in which each student legally resides.
- State Building Aid shall be credited to the school district or districts that incur the direct cost of qualifying expenditures.
- All other state aid shall be credited to the district incurring the expenditure qualifying for such aid.

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- F. The receiving district shall bill the sending district on a quarterly basis: November 30th, January 31st, April 30th and June 30thst.
- G. The date of operating responsibility shall be July 1, 2026 and this agreement shall run for ten (10) consecutive years, expiring June 30, 2036. No District comprising the authorized regionals enrollment AREA may withdraw from the agreement except pursuant to the provisions of RSA 195-A:14.
- H. All students living within the sending district shall attend the AREA school if assigned to one of the grades listed in Article A.
- I. The receiving district will provide facilities to accommodate all students in Grades PK – 12 from the sending district. This will include PreK students that meet the requirements established in section C.
- J. Columbia students who attend the CTE program in Canaan will have tuition assessed by Colebrook and Canaan based on the portion of the day enrolled in each school. Columbia students who attend the CTE program in Colebrook will not be charged an additional fee for their enrollment, unless required by the State of New Hampshire or otherwise specified by the regional CTE agreement.
- K. There will be at least two joint school board meetings of the Colebrook and Columbia School Boards annually for the purpose of consulting and advising about any and all matters of joint interest. The sending district will be advised of any improvements or changes in policies, curriculum, and other school programs and services.
- L. The same pupil regulations will apply to pupils from the sending district as to those of the receiving district.
- M. The written plan may be amended by the two districts comprising the region, consistent with the provisions of RSA 195-A, except that no amendment shall be effective unless the question of adopting such amendment is submitted at an annual or special school district meeting to the voters of the district voting by ballot with the use of a checklist, if requested, by any registered voter of the district, after reasonable opportunity for debate in open meeting and unless a majority of the voters of each district who are present and voting shall vote in favor of adopting such amendment. Furthermore, no amendment to the written plan shall be considered except at an annual or special school meeting of each district and unless the text of such amendment is included in an appropriate article in the warrant of such meeting. It shall be the duty of the school board of each district to hold a public hearing concerning the adoption of any amendment to the written plan at least ten days before such meeting and to cause notice of

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such hearing and the text of the proposed amendment to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the area before such hearing.

COLUMBIA SCHOOL BOARD

Stacey Campbell
Kristin Brooks
Diane Little

COLEBROOK SCHOOL BOARD

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Julia D. Brunault
Rochelle Boring Murphy
Shonda Lyons
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[Signature]
Timothy F. Stevens

May 7, 2024
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The New Hampshire State Board of Education voted at its meeting on June 13, 2024 to approve the Proposed Amendment and Renewal of Authorized Regional Enrollment Agreement (AREA) for Colebrook and Columbia School Districts.

Approved by Joint Area Agreement Committee on April 30, 2024
Approved by Columbia School Board on May 7, 2024
Approved by Colebrook School Board on May 7, 2024