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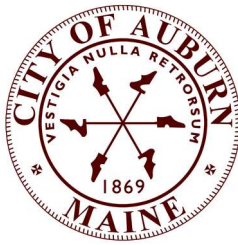
Ordered,

That the Auburn City Council hereby adopts and approves the following School Budget articles for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

1. That \$ 21,410,243 be authorized to be expended for Regular Instruction;
2. That \$ 15,211,684 be authorized to be expended for Special Education;
3. That \$ 18,331 be authorized to be expended for Career and Technical Education;
4. That \$ 1,002,712 be authorized to be expended for Other Instruction;
5. That \$ 4,248,521 be authorized to be expended for Student and Staff Support;
6. That \$ 1,343,262 be authorized to be expended for System Administration;
7. That \$ 2,836,214 be authorized to be expended for School Administration;
8. That \$ 2,512,885 be authorized to be expended for Transportation and Buses;
9. That \$ 5,488,013 be authorized to be expended for Facilities Maintenance;
10. That \$ 10,008,837 be authorized to be expended for Debt Service and Other Commitments;
11. That \$ 49,297 be authorized to be expended for All Other Expenditures;
12. That \$56,857,020.47 be appropriated for the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to Grade 12, as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, and that \$15,977,628.33 be raised as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to Grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688;

Explanation: *The City's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to Grade 12, as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.*

13. That \$1,123,352 be raised and appropriated for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the city's legislative body for non-state-funded school construction projects or non-state-funded portions of school construction projects, in addition to the funds appropriated as the



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local share of the city's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to Grade 12, as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Section 15690 (2A);

Explanation: *Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for annual payments on the city's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the voters or other legislative body.*

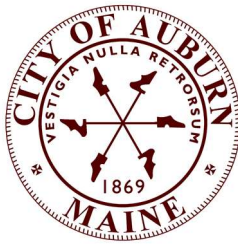
14. That \$3,669,627 be raised and appropriated in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$3,669,627, as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee.

The School Committee recommends \$3,669,627, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$3,669,627. The School Committee gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model:

The Essential Programs and Services funding model does not recognize all of the costs of special education services, transportation services, instructional services, co-curricular services and other services that the School Department provides.

Explanation: *The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the city's local contribution to the total cost of funding education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12, as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state-funded debt services that will help achieve the school department budget for educational programs.*

15. That the School Committee be authorized to expend \$64,129,999 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 from the city's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to Grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, fund balances, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools;
16. That the city of Auburn appropriate \$363,893 for Adult Education and raise \$217,644 as the local share, with authorization to expend any additional, incidental or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program.



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17. That in addition to the amounts approved in the preceding articles, the School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated.

Passed 5/5/25, 7-0.

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