

Eastern Aroostook RSU 39

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2020-2021

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Budget Meeting Approved: _____
Referendum: _____

Very IMPORTANT Notice

Per State Law, the RSU 39 school budget approval process requires two steps.

Step 1:

Every school system in the State is required to have a Regional Budget Meeting where the Citizens will vote on each of 11 expense articles. A final budget will be adopted at the end of this meeting. The meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 23, 2020** starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Caribou Performing Arts Center at Caribou High School 308 Sweden Street, Caribou ME 04736.

Step 2:

There will be a District wide referendum to validate the budget approved on June 23, 2020. The referendum will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 and voting will be in each city / town at their designated polling place. The referendum question will be a “Yes” or “No” question.

Article 1: Do you favor approving the Regional School Unit 39 budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest Regional School Unit budget meeting?

RSU 39 Regional Budget Meeting
June 23, 2020
Caribou Performing Arts Center
(Caribou High School)
6:00 p.m.

Referendum Vote
July 14, 2020
City / Town Polls

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BUDGET MESSAGE

School funding in Maine is based on essential programs and services (EPS), which are defined as the programs and resources that are essential for students to have an equitable opportunity to achieve Maine's Learning Results. During the 2020-2021 (FY 21) budget preparation, RSU 39 Board of Education was confronted with developing a school budget that will provide an education to the students and families while keeping the best interest of taxpayers in mind during this time of the unknown due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Our outlook for the future of RSU 39 is exciting, but at the same time, we are having to change our way of educating students for some time with restrictions and recommendations from Maine Department of Education and Maine CDC as we all work through the trials and tribulation of COVID 19. Because of this current and new normal, RSU 39 Board of Education made a strong commitment to keeping the school budget in a respectable range due to the difficult environment we are faced with and an all-time high unemployment rate and a temporary shutdown of our local businesses. Our families have had to take the role of lead educator. I know how hard this was for everyone and respect the efforts of all involved and commend your stamina to keep the children focused on learning.

Eastern Aroostook RSU 39 will continue to approach the budget process in the following manner. Our budget process involved re-evaluating our programs, services, staffing, and looking for savings that will have the least impact on education. As we build and cut from school budgets, we do so with four key focus areas. These focus areas are 1) What is in the BEST interest of the students? 2) What is needed to continually pursue professional development for all staff members, quality of instruction in our classrooms, and academic excellence for all? 3) What is needed to move forward with programs to promote successful schools and students? 4) What is fiscally responsible to the citizens of each community in Eastern Aroostook RSU 39? Building a school budget is a very complicated process with State funding, local funding, additional local funding, and EPS (Essential Programs and Services) that all play a major role in providing a quality and competitive education for Eastern Aroostook RSU 39 students. Our students' future lies in the decisions of the community voters and being a responsible citizen also lies with you to make sure all our students from Early Childhood to Grade 12 have that opportunity to learn, grow into independent thinkers, and be productive citizens of Aroostook County and the State of Maine.

Some of the major cuts for the FY 21 budget was the significant reduction in the number of capital improvement projects especially at Caribou High School: driveway and parking pavement, door replacement, card lock security system, needed fencing around the school site and the much needed resurfacing project of our school's tennis courts. Along with the

reduction in needed capital improvements, RSU 39 has forgone the purchasing of a new school bus, and also cut a school administrator at Caribou Community School.

All school districts need to look for ways to reduce costs in order to continue to provide educational experiences that will provide our future occupations with highly-skilled workers. Raising the expectations and options for our students is the key to providing a meaningful educational experience. This meaningful experience will help shape the future of all our students. The future of Aroostook County school systems depends on the use of shared resources. School systems explore options of working together to provide better services for our students and families, it is critical for Aroostook County communities to move forward with cooperative planning with one another in order to provide more in a decreasing population base throughout our area. I am proud of RSU 39's work with neighboring schools with MSAD 20 Fort Fairfield, Union 122, MSAD 45 Washburn, and MSAD 1 Presque Isle. Schools across our region need to continue to explore ways to share services and reduce the overall cost of education.

RSU 39's vision statement is ***"Preparing Today's Learners for Tomorrow's World"***. It establishes our commitment to move in the future direction which demands the need for students to pursue some level of post-secondary training to prepare them for careers in an information age economy. Eastern Aroostook RSU 39's continuous goal is to ensure that our students are college and career ready when they graduate from high school. Our students will need to be successful at work, in the military, or in their chosen post-secondary experience. Maine's future workforce will need to be highly-skilled employees who can think, collaborate, and innovate at their workplace. Maine's future is in our schools today.

In summary, Eastern Aroostook RSU 39 has always been a great place to be an educator. I respect and appreciate the work of the entire professional and support staff. My past five years as Superintendent of Schools has been nothing but rewarding because of the professionalism of such a great staff that comes to work every day to do what is best for children. We are very lucky as a community to have such a professional and hardworking group of employees. A community is only as strong as its relationship that is formed between schools and the community. Any community can have outstanding schools when educators, parents, students, and community leaders share the same vision of what is best for students and their future. Substantially, the instruction that happens in our schools today will have a direct impact on the future of Maine's communities and ultimately, their prosperity. Educating the whole child is much more important than what one test can tell us about schools in Maine. Preparing the future workforce of Maine comes down to educating all children with a focus on Maine's future career needs.

Best wishes to Steve Perreault, he is retiring after 40 years of exemplary service to our students and families. I want to thank the Central Office staff for their outstanding work ethic to the school district employees and their support and guidance with my position. The Administrative Team works hard to provide the students and staff with an educational environment that is beneficial for learning. The professional work that is displayed daily by our bus driver/custodians has allowed our schools to be clean, enjoyable, and most important SAFE. We all have a personal investment in the RSU 39 school district.

Finally, please take the time to visit a school or attend a school-sponsored event. We welcome and want your involvement and participation in our schools. Remember, amazing things happen when schools and communities work together.

BUDGET

ARTICLE 1- REGULAR INSTRUCTION

Article includes all regular Pre K – 12 education, alternative education, as well as ESL (English as a second language) and GT (gifted and talented) programs. Teachers, playground aides, and substitute teacher salaries and benefits are in this cost center. Classroom books and instructional supplies are also included here.

	BUDGET 19-20	PROPOSED BUDGET 20-21	+/- \$	+/- %
REGULAR INSTRUCTION (Pre-K-12) INCLUDING ESL, ALTERNATIVE ED, GIFTED AND TALENTED				
SALARIES	\$4,124,405.54	\$4,183,736.18	\$59,330.64	1.42%
BENEFITS	\$1,632,744.97	\$1,476,356.73	(\$156,388.24)	-10.59%
COURSE REIMBURSEMENT (STAFF)	\$23,400.00	\$14,200.00	(\$9,200.00)	-64.79%
PURCHASED SERVICES	\$37,990.00	\$32,325.00	(\$5,665.00)	-17.53%
PROF DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING	\$12,200.00	\$6,910.00	(\$5,290.00)	-76.56%
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$36,075.00	\$35,600.00	(\$475.00)	-1.33%
TUITION TO OTHER DISTRICTS	\$92,588.14	\$55,103.00	(\$37,485.14)	-68.03%
STAFF TRAVEL	\$11,100.00	\$5,615.00	(\$5,485.00)	-97.68%
SUPPLIES	\$147,793.71	\$111,366.56	(\$36,427.15)	-32.71%
TEXTBOOKS	\$57,993.21	\$1,600.00	(\$56,393.21)	-3524.58%
TECHNOLOGY	\$54,145.30	\$97,497.00	\$43,351.70	44.46%
DUES & FEES	\$9,210.00	\$2,370.00	(\$6,840.00)	-288.61%
TRANSPORTATION-FIELD TRIPS	\$2,100.00	\$1,800.00	(300.00)	-16.67%
	\$6,241,745.87	\$6,024,479.47	(\$217,266.40)	-3.61%

ARTICLE 1: *To see what sum RSU 39 will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.*

Board of Education Recommends \$6,024,479.47

ARTICLE 2 – SPECIAL EDUCATION

Article includes all special education programs. Listed here are instructional, speech pathology, psychological evaluations, physical therapy, occupational therapy and out-of-district services, as well as the administration of these programs.



	BUDGET 19-20	PROPOSED BUDGET 20-21	+/- \$	+/- %
SALARIES	\$1,326,297.32	\$1,431,292.90	\$104,995.58	7.34%
BENEFITS	\$485,598.27	\$545,851.06	\$60,252.79	11.04%
PROF DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING	\$4,000.00	\$505.00	(\$3,495.00)	-692.08%
PURCHASED SERVICES	\$6,400.00	\$6,000.00	(\$400.00)	-6.67%
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$2,200.00	\$1,000.00	(\$1,200.00)	-120.00%
TELEPHONE/POSTAGE	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	(\$1,500.00)	-100.00%
TUITION TO OTHER	\$48,000.00	\$1,500.00	(\$46,500.00)	-3100.00%
STAFF TRAVEL	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	(\$500.00)	-20.00%
SUPPLIES & BOOKS	\$627.00	\$650.00	\$23.00	3.54%
DUES & FEES	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	100%
TRANSPORTATION-FIELD TRIPS	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	(\$1,200.00)	-1200.00%
	\$1,880,322.59	\$1,990,858.96	\$110,536.37	5.55%

ARTICLE 2: *To see what sum RSU 39 will be authorized to expend for Special Education.*

Board of Education Recommends \$1,990,858.96

ARTICLE 3 – CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Article includes all vocational instructional programs as well as administration and operation / maintenance of the technical center. Student support services of guidance, health, library, instructional staff training and technology are also included here.

	BUDGET 19-20	PROPOSED BUDGET 20-21	+/- \$	+/- %
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (Vocational Center)				
SALARIES	\$718,799.70	\$816,078.02	\$97,278.32	11.92%
BENEFITS	\$288,142.52	\$245,075.18	(\$43,067.34)	-17.57%
COURSE REIMBURSEMENT (STAFF)	\$6,150.00	\$500.00	(\$5,650.00)	-1130.00%
PURCHASED SERVICES	\$1,600.00	\$1,500.00	(\$100.00)	-6.67%
PROF DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING	\$4,100.00	\$500.00	(\$3,600.00)	-720.00%
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$2,450.00	\$1,250.00	(\$1,200.00)	-96.00%
INSURANCE	\$550.00	\$400.00	(\$150.00)	-37.50%
TELEPHONE	\$2,900.00	\$2,400.00	(\$500.00)	-20.83%
TRAVEL	\$15,900.00	\$9,930.00	(\$5,970.00)	-60.12%
SUPPLIES	\$86,884.16	\$82,592.69	(\$4,291.47)	-5.20%
VEHICLE FUEL – LARGE EQUIP	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
LARGE EQUIP-EQUIP PURCHASE	\$6,550.00	\$0.00	(\$6,550.00)	-100.00%
TEXTBOOKS	\$2,290.00	\$500.00	(\$1,790.00)	-358.00%
DUES & FEES	\$5,990.00	\$435.00	(\$5,555.00)	-1277.01%
OPERATION & MAINT OF PLANT (VOC)				
SALARIES	\$75,946.92	\$75,834.75	(\$112.17)	-0.15%
BENEFITS	\$33,136.31	\$36,525.72	\$3,389.41	9.28%
PURCHASED SERVICES	\$34,000.00	\$22,000.00	(\$12,000.00)	-54.55%
WATER & SEWER	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$500.00	16.67%
PLOWING	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
INSURANCE	\$6,900.00	\$8,800.00	\$1,900.00	21.59%
SUPPLIES	\$24,250.00	\$11,650.00	(\$12,600.00)	-108.15%
ELECTRICITY	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
HEATING FUEL/WOOD CHIPS	\$26,680.00	\$29,630.00	\$2,950.00	9.96%
DUES & FEES	\$1,150.00	\$1,650.00	\$500.00	30.30%
CAPITAL RENEWAL/ENHANCEMENT	\$64,132.90	\$64,132.90	\$0.00	0.00%
TRANSPORTATION – FIELD TRIPS	\$250.00	\$0.00	(\$250.00)	-100.00%
	\$1,451,252.51	\$1,454,384.26	\$3,131.75	0.22%

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum RSU 39 will be authorized to expend for Career & Technical Education.

Board of Education Recommends \$1,454,384.26



ARTICLE 4 – OTHER INSTRUCTION

Article includes co-curricular, extra-curricular and summer school programs. This category covers athletic directors, advisors and coaching salaries, referees and uniforms. Also listed are costs associated with facility use for in-district events and the transportation of students for out-of-district events.

	BUDGET 19-20	PROPOSED BUDGET 20-21	+/- \$	+/- %
OTHER INSTRUCTION (SUMMER SCHOOL, CO-CURR, EXTRA-CURR, PERF ARTS)				
SALARIES	\$260,807.50	\$238,167.00	(\$22,640.50)	-9.51%
BENEFITS	\$29,693.28	\$27,404.25	(\$2,289.03)	-8.35%
PURCHASED SERVICES	\$53,309.00	\$53,810.00	\$501.00	0.93%
PROF DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING	\$400.00	\$600.00	\$200.00	33.33%
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$300.00	\$200.00	(\$100.00)	-50.00%
TELEPHONE	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TRAVEL	\$22,915.00	\$26,970.00	\$4,055.00	15.04%
SUPPLIES	\$58,621.00	\$67,525.50	\$8,904.50	13.19%
BUS FUEL	\$34,350.00	\$34,000.00	(\$350.00)	-1.03%
EQUIPMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
DUES & FEES	\$26,774.00	\$17,739.00	(\$9,035.00)	-50.93%
TRANSPORTATION-FIELD TRIPS	\$46,525.00	\$54,000.00	\$7,475.00	13.84%
	\$535,294.78	\$522,015.75	(\$13,279.03)	-2.54%

ARTICLE 4: To see what sum RSU 39 will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

Board of Education Recommends \$522,015.75

ARTICLE 5 – STUDENT AND STAFF SUPPORT

Article includes services provided by guidance counselors, nurses, library staff, and technology staff. The administration of student testing and improvement of instruction as well as staff training are also in this category. Computer hardware and software for instructional use, library books, student assessment, and medical nursing supplies are the majority of supply items.

	BUDGET 19-20	PROPOSED BUDGET 20-21	+/- \$	+/- %
STUDENT AND STAFF SUPPORT (GUID, HEALTH, LIBRARY, INSTR TECHN LGY,IMPR OF INSTR, STF TRNG, STNT ASSMNT)				
SALARIES	\$1,161,836.34	\$1,241,581.89	\$79,745.55	6.42%
BENEFITS	\$358,359.06	\$375,097.47	\$16,738.41	4.46%
PURCHASED SERVICES	\$2,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$(1,000.00)	-66.67%
PROF DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING	\$30,280.00	\$16,750.00	\$(13,530.00)	-80.78%
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$1,775.00	\$1,825.00	\$50.00	2.74%
LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TELEPHONE/POSTAGE	\$5,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$(2,000.00)	-55.56%
STAFF TRAVEL	\$6,350.00	\$7,400.00	\$1,050.00	14.19%
SUPPLIES	\$109,017.85	\$88,880.00	\$(20,137.85)	-22.66%
BOOKS (LIBRARY)	\$7,800.00	\$0.00	\$(7,800.00)	-100.00%
DUES & FEES	\$1,210.00	\$1,660.00	\$450.00	27.11%
	\$1,685,088.25	\$1,738,654.36	\$53,566.11	3.08%

ARTICLE 5: *To see what sum RSU 39 will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.*

Board of Education Recommends \$1,738,654.36

ARTICLE 6 – SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION

Article includes Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools and business office functions. Costs associated with the administration of the school district include legal fees, annual audit services, and liability insurance coverage.

	BUDGET 19-20	PROPOSED BUDGET 20-21	+/- \$	+/- %
SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION				
SALARIES	\$435,697.10	\$468,461.20	\$32,764.10	6.99%
BENEFITS	\$135,789.11	\$138,252.56	\$2,463.45	1.78%
PURCHASED SERVICES (audit/legal)	\$80,000.00	\$82,500.00	\$2,500.00	3.03%
PROF DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING	\$4,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$(1,500.00)	-60.00%
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	0.00%
LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$32,300.00	\$35,425.00	\$3,125.00	8.82%
TELEPHONE/POSTAGE	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
ADVERTISING	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
STAFF TRAVEL	\$11,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$1,000.00	8.00%
SUPPLIES	\$37,934.00	\$41,171.00	\$3,237.00	7.86%
DUES & FEES	\$11,685.00	\$12,715.00	\$1,030.00	8.10%
	\$764,505.21	\$809,124.76	\$44,619.55	5.51%

ARTICLE 6: *To see what sum RSU 39 will be authorized to expend for System Administration.*

Board of Education Recommends \$809,124.76

ARTICLE 7 – SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Article includes services of principals, clerical support, administrative supplies, professional dues, student based fees, and graduation expenses.

	BUDGET 19-20	PROPOSED BUDGET 20-21	+/- \$	+/- %
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION				
SALARIES	\$456,789.78	\$420,873.08	(\$35,916.70)	-8.53%
BENEFITS	\$104,168.48	\$129,610.55	\$25,442.07	19.63%
PROF DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING	\$4,650.00	\$1,450.00	(\$3,200.00)	-220.69%
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$700.00	\$3,700.00	\$3,000.00	81.08%
TELEPHONE/POSTAGE	\$18,500.00	\$9,600.00	(\$8,900.00)	-92.71%
STAFF TRAVEL	\$2,900.00	\$1,900.00	(\$1,000.00)	-52.63%
SUPPLIES	\$35,501.22	\$30,789.97	(\$4,711.25)	-15.30%
DUES & FEES	\$18,405.00	\$23,970.00	\$5,565.00	23.22%
	\$641,614.48	\$621,893.60	(\$19,720.88)	-3.17%

ARTICLE 7: *To see what sum RSU 39 will be authorized to expend for School Administration.*

Board of Education Recommends \$621,893.60



ARTICLE 8 – TRANSPORTATION AND BUSES

Article includes the cost of transporting students to and from school. This category includes the salaries/benefits of bus drivers and mechanics, maintenance of school buses, vehicle fuel, and the utility costs associated with the bus garage.

	BUDGET 19-20	PROPOSED BUDGET 20-21	+/- \$	+/- %
TRANSPORTATION AND BUSES				
SALARIES	\$309,593.58	\$370,779.68	\$61,186.10	16.50%
BENEFITS	\$101,914.81	\$102,266.80	\$351.99	0.34%
PURCHASED SERVICES	\$51,000.00	\$46,500.00	(\$4,500.00)	-9.68%
PROF DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	(\$500.00)	-33.33%
WATER & SEWER	\$2,600.00	\$6,000.00	\$3,400.00	56.67%
INSURANCE	\$30,490.00	\$32,259.00	\$1,769.00	5.48%
TELEPHONE	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TRAVEL	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
SUPPLIES	\$101,500.00	\$96,500.00	(\$7,500.00)	-7.98%
ELECTRICITY	\$10,200.00	\$10,200.00	\$0.00	0.00%
HEATING FUEL	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
VEHICLE FUEL	\$52,000.00	\$52,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
DUES & FEES	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	20.00%
BUS PURCHASE	\$0.00	\$93,000.00	\$93,000.00	100.00%
	\$692,298.39	\$842,005.48	\$147,707.09	17.58%

ARTICLE 8: *To see what sum RSU 39 will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.*

Board of Education Recommends \$842,005.48

ARTICLE 9 – FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

Article includes custodial and maintenance staff and cleaning and repair supplies to buildings and grounds, as well as purchased services on planned facility projects. Minor capital loan payments on energy projects completed at Caribou High School is in this cost center. Utilities specific to the Vocational Center (Article 3) and Bus Garage (Article 8 Transportation) are listed in those cost centers.

	BUDGET 19-20	PROPOSED BUDGET 20-21	+/- \$	+/- %
FACILITIES MAINTENANCE				
SALARIES	\$672,461.48	\$703,206.15	\$30,744.67	4.37%
BENEFITS	\$270,924.51	\$274,028.21	\$3,103.70	1.13%
PURCHASED SERVICES	\$372,250.00	\$313,600.00	(\$74,050.00)	-23.61%
PROF DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING	\$1,200.00	\$800.00	(\$400.00)	-50.00%
WATER & SEWER	\$19,600.00	\$22,500.00	\$2,900.00	12.89%
PLOWING	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
INSURANCE	\$31,750.00	\$27,520.00	(\$4,230.00)	-15.37%
TELEPHONE	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)	
TRAVEL	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
SUPPLIES	\$155,198.00	\$120,885.00	(\$34,313.00)	-28.38%
ELECTRICITY	\$149,200.00	\$194,850.00	\$45,650.00	23.43%
HEATING FUEL/WOOD CHIPS	\$261,900.00	\$215,150.00	(\$46,750.00)	-21.73%
VEHICLE FUEL	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	(\$35,000.00)	
CAPITAL RENEWAL/ENHANCEMENT	\$256,661.86	\$241,261.86	\$0.00	0.00%
DUES & FEES	\$2,200.00	\$2,850.00	\$650.00	22.81%
	\$2,260,845.85	\$2,148,151.22	(\$112,694.63)	-5.25%

ARTICLE 9: *To see what sum RSU 39 will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.*

Board of Education Recommends \$2,148,151.23

ARTICLE 10 – DEBT SERVICE

Article includes major capital improvement debt service.

	BUDGET 19-20	PROPOSED BUDGET 20-21	+/- \$	+/- %
DEBT SERVICE				
CAPITAL RENOVATION/IMPROVE	\$3,497,402.09	\$3,582,134.69	\$84,732.60	2.37%
Article #10	\$3,497,402.09	\$3,582,134.69	\$84,732.60	2.37%

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum RSU 39 will be authorized to expend for Debt Service.

Board of Education Recommends \$3,582,134.69

ARTICLE 11 – OTHER EXPENDITURES

Article includes the portion of the Nutrition Program that is supported by the general fund. This includes the Program Director and an inter-fund transfer to cover the amount that is not reimbursed by the State or received in school lunch fees. Bus transportation costs for outside organizations are also listed here and revenue received is posted to a bus rental revenue account.

	BUDGET 19-20	PROPOSED BUDGET 20-21	+/- \$	+/- %
ALL OTHER EXPENDITURES (NUTRITION, COMMUNITY SERVICES)				
SALARIES	\$20,200.00	\$10,000.00	(\$10,200.00)	-102.00%
BENEFITS	\$2,517.60	\$1,500.00	(\$1,017.60)	-67.84%
FOOD SERVICE PURCH SERVICES	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	100.00%
SUPPLIES/BUS FUEL	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
PRE K PM SNACK	\$1,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$2,000.00	57.14%
FUNDS TRANSFER OUT	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Article #11	\$75,217.60	\$81,000.00	\$5,782.40	7.14%

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum RSU 39 will be authorized to expend for Other Expenditures.

Board of Education Recommends \$81,000.00

ARTICLES 12 THROUGH 15
RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 12 – STATE / LOCAL EPS FUNDING ALLOCATION

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum RSU 39 will appropriate 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 to see what sum RSU 39 will raise and assess as each 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.

Recommended amounts set forth below:

Total Appropriated (by municipality):		Total Raised (by municipality):	
City of Caribou:	\$14,640,917.25	City of Caribou:	\$3,033,144.00
Town of Stockholm:	\$232,017.79	Town of Stockholm:	\$136,060.66
RSU Total Appropriated: (Sum of above)	\$14,872,935.04	RSU Total Raised: (Sum of above)	\$3,169,204.66

Explanation: RSU 39'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 RSU 39 must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

ARTICLE 13 – NON-STATE FUNDED DEBT SERVICE

ARTICLE 13: *To see what sum RSU 39 will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by RSU 39 voters for non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state-funded portions of school construction projects and minor capital projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of RSU 39's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12.*

Board of Education Recommends \$97,567.00

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on RSU 39's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects and minor capital renovation projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by RSU 39 voters. (Interest only payment on the PreK-8 new school building approved bond.)

RSU 39 FY 20-21 NOTE: *The local debt service payment for FY 20-21 is being offset by \$100,000 from donations received from the fund raising efforts of Friends of Caribou Schools. This group is raising funds to offset the local cost for the auxiliary gymnasium and additional floor space for the music room that was voter approved. The cost of local debt service would have been \$197,567.00.*

ARTICLE 14 – ADDITIONAL LOCAL FUNDS

ARTICLE 14: *(Written ballot required – Due to COVID19 safety precautions, RSU 39's attorneys have advised that this not be done by written ballot.). To see what sum RSU 39 will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$568,965.00**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$568,965.00**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the Board of Education.*

The Board of Education recommends \$568,965.00 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$568,965.00:

- **Special Education**
- **Debt Service**
- **Transportation**

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above RSU 39's local 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 and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve RSU 39 budget for educational programs.

ARTICLE 15 - SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

*ARTICLE 15: To see what sum RSU 39 will authorize the Board of Education to expend for the fiscal year beginning **July 1, 2020** and ending **June 30, 2021** from RSU 39'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, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.*

Board of Education Recommends \$19,814,702.56

ARTICLE 16- AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

ARTICLE 16: In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the Board of Education be authorized to expend other sums as may be received from federal or state grants 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?

ARTICLE 17 - AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE

ARTICLE 17: To see if RSU 39 will appropriate \$243,500.00 for adult education and raise \$100,000.00 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.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

	BUDGET 19-20	PROPOSED BUDGET 20-21	+/- \$	+/- %
GENERAL FUND				
BALANCE FORWARD	\$1,000,000.00	\$800,000.00	(\$200,000.00)	-25.00%
TRANSFER FROM CAPITAL RESERVE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
STATE SUBSIDY	\$12,849,213.00	\$13,237,966.00	\$388,753.00	2.94%
LOCAL REQUIRED AND ADDT'L	\$3,672,952.00	\$3,738,170.00	\$65,218.00	1.74%
LOCAL DEBT SERVICE	\$165,182.00	\$97,567.00	(\$67,615.00)	-69.30%
TUITION	\$1,218,740.00	\$1,533,000.00	\$314,260.00	20.50%
MEDICAID	\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$30,000.00	75.00%
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	\$809,500.62	\$367,999.56	(\$441,501.06)	-119.97%
TOTAL – Article #15	\$19,725,587.62	\$19,814,702.56	\$89,114.94	0.45%

COST SHARING

~ Based on Article 15 & 17

*includes Adult Ed share of \$100,000

	<u>19-20*</u>	<u>20-21*</u>	<u>+/-</u>
Caribou \$	3,791,191	\$ 3,791,191	\$ -0-
Stockholm \$	146,946	\$ 144,546	\$ (2,400)
\$	3,938,137	\$ 3,935,737	\$ (2,400)

RESIDENT PER PUPIL OPERATING COSTS

2018 – 2019 School Year	
(Most Recent Figures Available Through the State)	
State of Maine Average Per Pupil Operating Cost	\$12,442.95
RSU 39 Average Per Pupil Operating Cost	\$12,628.04
Difference	(+185.09)

2019-2020 ENROLLMENT

(Attending Enrollment as of 10/1/19)

	PreK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
CHS											122	109	123	98	452
CMS						79	70	72	85	75					381
Teague	62	80	71	66	72										351
TOTAL															1184

RSU 39 BUDGET HISTORY

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Amount of Budget</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
2009-2010	\$ 19,584,984	-1.10%
2010-2011	\$ 18,561,488	-5.20%
2011-2012	\$ 18,559,511	-0.01%
2012-2013	\$ 18,718,271	0.90%
2013-2014	\$ 18,718,271	0.00%
2014-2015	\$ 18,404,350	-1.70%
2015-2016	\$ 17,984,702	-2.30%
2016-2017	\$ 18,088,386	0.60%
2017-2018	\$ 17,391,022	-3.90%
2018-2019	\$ 18,986,477	9.20%
2019-2020	\$ 19,725,587	3.89%
2020-2021	\$ 19,814,702	0.45%



Schedules for Voting on July 14, 2020

City of Caribou.....Caribou Wellness Center
55 Bennett Drive
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Town of Stockholm.....Stockholm Town Office
62 School Street
8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.