

Friend,

Tuesday, March 10th, is Town Voting Day in New Hampshire, a time when people come together to approve annual budgets, elect local officials, and vote on warrant articles.

It's a day when you, the voter, have the power to decide what happens in your community in the year ahead.

Each year, tremendous efforts are made to alert our towns to the voting challenges we face. Rather than relying on the expertise and knowledge of our elected town and school boards, some citizens constantly propose tax caps, budget caps, SB2, and charter commissions, which serve as a backdoor to SB2.

If you live in an [SB2 town or school district](#), your voting takes place over two days— a one-day deliberative session to introduce and amend articles, and an all-day vote by ballot. Deliberative sessions are your only chance to amend budgets and warrant articles, and they are often not well attended. That means there's a greater chance for individuals to introduce policies that harm our students, our working families, and our communities.

The best way to make your voice heard is to come prepared:

- Visit your town and school district's official websites to find the ballot, time, and location to vote.
- [Click here](#) to learn more about what to expect at town meetings.
- [Make sure you're registered to vote!](#)

Voting is democracy in its purest form. If we want good public schools, safer communities, and local officials who put the needs of our citizens first, we must be vigilant and engaged. That means making our voices heard at town voting, town meetings, deliberative sessions, and school board meetings.

Remember, "The right to vote is precious!" – John Lewis

Onward!

Hon. Melanie Levesque
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