

# Eastern Aroostook RSU 39

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*“Preparing Today’s Learners  
for Tomorrow’s World”*



## 2022-2023

Budget Meeting Approved: May 25, 2022  
Referendum: Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

# 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 **Wednesday, May 25, 2022** starting at **5:30 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 **May 25, 2022**. The referendum will be held on **Tuesday, June 14, 2022** 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?*

*Article 2: Do you wish to continue the budget validation referendum process in the Regional School Unit 39 for an additional three (3) years?*

*A “YES” vote will require Eastern Aroostook RSU 39 to continue to conduct a referendum to validate its annual school budget for the next three years.*

*A “NO” vote will discontinue the budget validation referendum for at least three years and provide instead that the annual school budget shall be finally adopted at a meeting of the voters.*

## **RSU 39 Regional Budget Meeting**

**May 25, 2022**

**Caribou Performing Arts Center  
(Caribou High School)**

**5:30 p.m.**

## **Referendum Vote**

**June 14, 2022**

**City / Town Polls**

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### BUDGET MESSAGE

I am pleased to present the Eastern Aroostook RSU No. 39's Board of Education recommended educational budget for FY 23. This budget has an increase of \$1,011,923.37 which represents a 5.11% increase over FY 22 budget. This budget increase represents a 0.41 mill increase for RSU 39's schools. Maine school funding 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 2022-2023 (FY 23) budget preparation, the RSU 39 Board of Education was confronted with developing a school budget that will be challenged with increased costs for heating oil, diesel fuel, and electricity. Along with these essential operating expenses that have affected all organizations, the Board of Education also had to plan for increases in liability insurance, worker compensation, and health insurance.

Our outlook for the future for RSU 39 is exciting, but at the same time, the RSU 39 school system is facing a workforce shortage in all areas of employment. Limited application for professional and classified staff members has created a future need to share services with neighboring communities and school districts.

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 school leaders 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 other sources of revenue for schools that all play a major role in providing a quality and competitive education for Eastern Aroostook RSU 39 students. Our students' futures lie 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 financial reductions within the FY 23 budget are three FTE staff members, Caribou High School paving project, and a major Caribou High School Gym Roof repair that are needed for the next school year. Once again, RSU 39 has shifted funding from regular to ESSER funds for the following areas: a school nurse position, a social worker position, exterior restrooms for athletic facilities at Caribou Community School. Placing these staffing positions and capital projects into our ESSERF monies will help with significant monetary increases in the FY 23 school budget and a much-needed saving for RSU 39 taxpayers with some of these large one-time cost items.

Over the past several years, RSU No. 39 has identified a number of needs within our school related to school safety, equity, and social-emotional learning. Along with these key areas, our schools now must add the work needed to recover from the COVID 19 pandemic. The immediate need to help all learners recover from any learning loss is the number 1 priority for RSU No. 39 administration and staff. A number of programs have been established to meet the challenge of addressing the need of learning loss. Caribou Community School has created a very successful program referred to as Power Hour for an extended day learning for students and staff. The participation has been outstanding and well received by all individuals. Power Hour is a program that works collaboratively with school staff and community members presenting topics for students to discover and learn from that are outside the normal offering in a school. Caribou High School established a Credit Recovery Academy as an extended learning option for students who fell behind their current educational programming due to COVID absences. We thank everyone for their involvement in such wonderful opportunities for our students and families as we strive to meet the educational and social emotional needs of our students.

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 seven 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 Lisa Anderson, David Bourgoine, Juanita Campbell, Ernie Caron, Laurie Caron, Bob Hancock, Vicki King, Diane Norton and Ken Westin who retire at the end of this school year. I personally thank each one of them for their 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, I wanted to thank everyone for their continued support for RSU No. 39's students. Expanding student needs and continued pursuit for meaningful school programming is what makes RSU No. 39 a great school system. The RSU 39 community welcomes and wants your involvement and participation in our schools. Please remember, amazing things happen when schools and communities work together.

Finally, COVID has slowed the in person connectedness between schools and communities but with the hopes of a brighter future, 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 21-22	PROPOSED BUDGET 22-23	+/- \$	+/- %
<b>REGULAR INSTRUCTION (Pre-K-12) INCLUDING ESL, ALTERNATIVE ED, GIFTED AND TALENTED</b>				
SALARIES	\$4,048,160.58	\$4,359,071.19	\$310,910.61	7.68%
BENEFITS	\$1,441,463.11	\$1,536,118.92	\$94,655.81	6.57%
COURSE REIMBURSEMENT	\$19,310.00	\$45,400.00	\$26,090.00	135.11%
PURCHASED SERVICES	\$33,225.00	\$33,900.00	\$675.00	2.03%
PROF DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING	\$4,750.00	\$10,850.00	\$6,100.00	128.42%
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$37,000.00	\$37,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TUITION TO OTHER DISTRICTS	\$19,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$2,000.00	10.53%
STAFF TRAVEL	\$5,855.00	\$6,160.00	\$305.00	5.21%
SUPPLIES	\$107,622.94	\$162,871.17	\$55,248.23	51.33%
TEXTBOOKS	\$5,600.00	\$1,496.86	(\$4,103.14)	-73.27%
TECHNOLOGY	\$117,358.56	\$152,869.00	\$35,510.44	30.26%
DUES & FEES	\$2,420.00	\$3,785.00	\$1,365.00	56.40%
TRANSPORTATION-FIELD TRIPS	\$1,800.00	\$1,500.00	(\$300.00)	-16.67%
	<b>\$5,843,565.19</b>	<b>\$6,372,022.14</b>	<b>\$528,456.95</b>	<b>9.04%</b>

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

**Board of Education Recommends \$6,372,022.14**

## 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	PROPOSED BUDGET		
SPECIAL EDUCATION	21-22	22-23	+/- \$	+/- %
SALARIES	\$1,430,821.19	\$1,488,319.90	\$57,498.71	4.02%
BENEFITS	\$550,542.37	\$610,625.30	\$60,082.93	10.91%
COURSE REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	(\$1,400.00)	-100.00%
PROF DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING	\$705.00	\$700.00	(\$5.00)	-0.71%
PURCHASED SERVICES	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TELEPHONE	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
STAFF TRAVEL	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
SUPPLIES & BOOKS	\$750.00	\$5,700.00	\$4,950.00	660.00%
	<b>\$1,997,218.56</b>	<b>\$2,118,345.20</b>	<b>\$121,126.64</b>	<b>6.06%</b>

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

**Board of Education Recommends \$2,118,345.20**

### 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 21-22	PROPOSED BUDGET 22-23	+/- \$	+/- %
<b>CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (Vocational Center)</b>				
SALARIES	\$869,860.99	\$915,778.46	\$45,917.47	5.28%
BENEFITS	\$306,373.91	\$293,523.43	(\$12,850.48)	-4.19%
COURSE REIMBURSEMENT	\$500.00	\$0.00	(\$500.00)	-100.00%
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	0.00%
INSURANCE	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TELEPHONE	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	0.00%
ADVERTISING	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	100%
TRAVEL	\$500.00	\$9,850.00	\$9,350.00	1870.00%
SUPPLIES	\$119,429.57	\$123,186.23	\$3,756.66	3.15%
VEHICLE FUEL – LARGE EQUIP	\$7,100.00	\$16,000.00	\$8,900.00	125.35%
LARGE EQUIP-EQUIP PURCHASE	\$37,243.00	\$0.00	(\$37,243.00)	-100.00%
TEXTBOOKS	\$5,670.00	\$357.60	(\$5,312.40)	-93.69%
DUES & FEES	\$2,055.00	\$5,080.00	\$3,025.00	147.2%
<b>OPERATION &amp; MAINT OF PLANT (VOC)</b>				
SALARIES	\$78,451.60	\$76,387.02	(\$2,064.58)	-2.63%
BENEFITS	\$37,444.09	\$34,801.92	(\$2,642.17)	-7.06%
PURCHASED SERVICES	\$33,500.00	\$45,500.00	\$12,000.00	35.82%
WATER & SEWER	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$500.00	16.67%
PLOWING	\$7,500.00	\$8,000.00	\$500.00	6.67%
INSURANCE	\$11,700.00	\$35,600.00	\$23,900.00	204.27%
SUPPLIES	\$15,150.00	\$39,150.00	\$24,000.00	158.42%
ELECTRICITY	\$28,000.00	\$33,000.00	\$5,000.00	17.86%
HEATING FUEL/WOOD CHIPS	\$29,630.00	\$37,000.00	\$7,370.00	24.87%
DUES & FEES	\$1,800.00	\$1,950.00	\$150.00	8.33%
CAPITAL RENEWAL/ENHANCEMENT	\$64,132.90	\$0.00	(\$64,132.90)	-100.00%
	<b>\$1,662,791.06</b>	<b>\$1,685,414.66</b>	<b>\$22,623.60</b>	<b>1.36%</b>

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

**Board of Education Recommends \$1,685,414.66**



## 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 21-22	PROPOSED BUDGET 22-23	+/- \$	+/- %
<b>OTHER INSTRUCTION (SUMMER SCHOOL, CO-CURR, EXTRA-CURR, PERF ARTS)</b>				
SALARIES	\$244,252.00	\$252,510.00	\$8,258.00	3.38%
BENEFITS	\$22,198.73	\$23,834.39	\$1,635.66	7.37%
PURCHASED SERVICES	\$53,260.00	\$51,860.00	(\$1,400.00)	-2.63%
PROF DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	0.00%
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TELEPHONE	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TRAVEL	\$26,030.00	\$22,615.00	(\$3,415.00)	-13.12%
SUPPLIES	\$67,187.00	\$76,702.40	\$9,515.40	14.16%
BUS FUEL	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
DUES & FEES	\$20,205.00	\$20,386.00	\$181.00	0.90%
TRANSPORTATION-FIELD TRIPS	\$54,000.00	\$54,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	<b>\$516,532.73</b>	<b>\$531,307.79</b>	<b>\$14,775.06</b>	<b>2.86%</b>

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

**Board of Education Recommends \$531,307.79**

## 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 21-22	PROPOSED BUDGET 22-23	+/- \$	+/- %
<b>STUDENT AND STAFF SUPPORT (GUID, HEALTH, LIBRARY, INSTR TECHNLY,IMPR OF INSTR, STF TRNG, STNT ASSMNT)</b>				
SALARIES	\$1,155,950.63	\$1,012,965.78	(\$142,984.85)	-12.37%
BENEFITS	\$343,482.43	\$322,761.08	(\$20,721.35)	-6.03%
COURSE REIMBURSEMENT	\$12,750.00	\$12,750.00	\$0.00	0.00%
PURCHASED SERVICES	\$4,290.00	\$2,030.00	(\$2,260.00)	-52.68%
PROF DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING	\$14,600.00	\$12,850.00	(\$1,750.00)	-11.99%
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$0.00	0.00%
LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$480.00	\$480.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TELEPHONE/POSTAGE	\$3,600.00	\$3,500.00	(\$100.00)	-2.78%
STAFF TRAVEL	\$10,500.00	\$15,700.00	\$5,200.00	49.52%
SUPPLIES	\$51,271.25	\$91,431.00	\$40,159.75	78.33%
DUES & FEES	\$1,560.00	\$1,560.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	<b>\$1,600,184.31</b>	<b>\$1,477,727.86</b>	<b>(\$122,456.45)</b>	<b>-7.65%</b>

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

**Board of Education Recommends \$1,477,727.86**

## 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	PROPOSED		
SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION	21-22	BUDGET		
		22-23	+/- \$	+/- %
SALARIES	\$504,708.00	\$492,753.60	(\$11,954.40)	-2.37%
BENEFITS	\$139,065.77	\$123,456.80	(\$15,608.97)	-11.22%
PURCHASED SERVICES (audit/legal)	\$82,500.00	\$82,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
PROF DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	100.00%
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	0.00%
SYSTEM TECHNOLOGY (SOFTWARE)	\$27,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$1,000.00	3.70%
LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$40,000.00	\$35,000.00	(\$5,000.00)	-12.50%
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	\$11,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
SUPPLIES	\$14,836.00	\$15,568.00	\$732.00	4.93%
DUES & FEES	\$12,700.00	\$10,700.00	(\$2,000.00)	-15.75%
	<b>\$849,409.77</b>	<b>\$818,078.40</b>	<b>(\$31,331.37)</b>	<b>-3.69%</b>

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

**Board of Education Recommends \$818,078.40**

## ARTICLE 7 – SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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

	BUDGET	PROPOSED		
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	21-22	22-23	+/- \$	+/- %
SALARIES	\$451,569.00	\$529,290.20	\$77,721.20	17.21%
BENEFITS	\$119,338.47	\$139,231.46	\$19,892.99	16.67%
COURSE REIMBURSEMENT	\$13,800.00	\$6,600.00	(\$7,200.00)	-52.17%
PROF DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TELEPHONE	\$9,600.00	\$9,000.00	(\$600.00)	-6.25%
POSTAGE	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
STAFF TRAVEL	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00	\$0.00	0.00%
SUPPLIES	\$15,175.00	\$31,050.00	\$15,875.00	104.61%
DUES & FEES	\$24,380.00	\$17,880.00	(\$6,500.00)	-26.66%
	<b>\$645,012.47</b>	<b>\$744,201.66</b>	<b>\$99,189.19</b>	<b>15.38%</b>

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

**Board of Education Recommends \$744,201.66**



**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	PROPOSED		
	21-22	BUDGET		
TRANSPORTATION AND BUSES		22-23	+/- \$	+/- %
SALARIES	\$384,636.33	\$374,432.45	(\$10,203.88)	-2.65%
BENEFITS	\$102,351.94	\$120,544.01	\$18,192.07	17.77%
PURCHASED SERVICES	\$12,500.00	\$67,500.00	\$55,000.00	440.00%
PROF DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
WATER & SEWER	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
INSURANCE	\$26,000.00	\$58,800.00	\$32,800.00	126.15%
TELEPHONE	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TRAVEL	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
SUPPLIES	\$118,550.00	\$138,750.00	\$20,200.00	17.04%
ELECTRICITY	\$10,200.00	\$15,200.00	\$5,000.00	49.02%
HEATING FUEL	\$25,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$5,000.00	20.00%
VEHICLE FUEL	\$52,000.00	\$108,000.00	\$56,000.00	107.69%
DUES & FEES	\$3,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$3,000.00	85.71%
BUS PURCHASE	\$168,000.00	\$140,394.00	(\$27,606.00)	-16.43%
	<b>\$917,738.27</b>	<b>\$1,075,120.46</b>	<b>\$157,382.19</b>	<b>17.15%</b>

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

**Board of Education Recommends \$1,075,120.46**

## 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	PROPOSED BUDGET		
FACILITIES MAINTENANCE	21-22	22-23	+/- \$	+/- %
SALARIES	\$730,508.29	\$890,431.48	\$159,923.19	21.89%
BENEFITS	\$274,181.75	\$350,091.88	\$75,910.13	27.69%
PURCHASED SERVICES	\$253,050.00	\$348,100.00	\$95,050.00	37.56%
PROF DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING	\$1,550.00	\$1,550.00	\$0.00	0.00%
WATER & SEWER	\$23,500.00	\$33,500.00	\$10,000.00	42.55%
INSURANCE	\$59,700.00	\$94,800.00	\$35,100.00	58.79%
TELEPHONE	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TRAVEL	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
SUPPLIES	\$173,200.00	\$196,050.00	\$22,850.00	13.19%
ELECTRICITY	\$183,050.00	\$224,700.00	\$41,650.00	22.75%
PROPANE	\$6,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$1,000.00	16.67%
HEATING FUEL/WOOD CHIPS	\$186,900.00	\$267,850.00	\$80,950.00	43.31%
VEHICLE FUEL	\$20,000.00	\$42,000.00	\$22,000.00	110.00%
VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT	\$40,000.00	\$49,000.00	\$9,000.00	22.50%
CAPITAL RENEWAL/ENHANCEMENT	\$241,261.86	\$0.00	(\$241,261.86)	-100.00%
DUES & FEES	\$4,850.00	\$4,850.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	<b>\$2,199,251.90</b>	<b>\$2,511,423.36</b>	<b>\$312,171.46</b>	<b>14.19%</b>

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

**Board of Education Recommends \$2,511,423.36**

## ARTICLE 10 – DEBT SERVICE

Article includes major capital improvement debt service.

	BUDGET 21-22	PROPOSED BUDGET 22-23	+/- \$	+/- %
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				
CAPITAL RENOVATION/IMPROVE	\$3,498,620.60	\$3,407,106.70	(\$91,513.90)	-2.62%
<b>Article #10</b>	<b>\$3,498,620.60</b>	<b>\$3,407,106.70</b>	<b>(\$91,513.90)</b>	<b>-2.62%</b>

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

**Board of Education Recommends \$3,407,106.70**

## 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 21-22	PROPOSED BUDGET 22-23	+/- \$	+/- %
<b>ALL OTHER EXPENDITURES ( NUTRITION, COMMUNITY SERVICES)</b>				
SALARIES	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
BENEFITS	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
FOOD SERVICE PURCH SERVICES	\$18,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$2,000.00	11.11%
SUPPLIES/BUS FUEL	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
PRE K PM SNACK	\$3,500.00	\$3,000.00	(\$500.00)	-14.29%
NUTRITION PROGRAM SUBSIDY	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>Article #11</b>	<b>\$84,000.00</b>	<b>\$85,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>1.79%</b>

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

**Board of Education Recommends \$85,500.00**

**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:	<b>\$15,195,573.34</b>	City of Caribou:	<b>\$2,676,345.00</b>
Town of Stockholm:	<b>\$192,349.03</b>	Town of Stockholm:	<b>\$122,948.34</b>
<b>RSU Total Appropriated (Sum of above)</b>	<b>\$15,387,922.37</b>	<b>RSU Total Raised: (Sum of above)</b>	<b>\$2,799,293.34</b>

*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 \$141,320.00**

*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 22-23 NOTE: The local debt service payment for FY 22-23 is being offset by \$50,700 from donations received from the fund-raising efforts of Friends of Caribou Schools. This group raised 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 \$192,020. (This will be the final transfer as the donation funds will be depleted.)*

**ARTICLE 14 – ADDITIONAL LOCAL FUNDS**

**ARTICLE 14:** (Written ballot required). *To see what sum RSU 39 will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$847,737.00**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$847,737.00**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the Board of Education.*

*The Board of Education recommends \$847,737.00 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$847,737.00:*

*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.*

- **Special Education**
- **Transportation**
- **Facilities Maintenance**

## **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, 2022** and ending **June 30, 2023** 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      \$20,826,248.23**

## **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.*

## **ARTICLE 18 - AUTHORIZES THE DISPOSITION OF ANY ADDITIONAL STATE SUBSIDY RECEIVED**

***ARTICLE 18:** To see if in the event that the RSU No. 39 receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget, shall the School Board be authorized to use all or part of the additional state subsidy to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Board, increase the allocation of finances in a reserve fund approved by the School Board, and/or decrease the local cost share expectation, as defined in Title 20-A, section 15671-A(1)(B), for local property taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the School Board?*

**ARTICLE 19 - AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER TO THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

*ARTICLE 19: Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer up to \$200,000 from unanticipated additional tuition revenues to the RSU School Capital Reserve Fund; and to expend such reserve funds for maintenance of plant and minor remodeling as may be needed at the School Board’s discretion?*

**SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS**

	<b>BUDGET 21-22</b>	<b>PROPOSED BUDGET 22-23</b>	<b>+/- \$</b>	<b>+/- %</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>				
BALANCE FORWARD	\$800,000.00	\$900,000.00	\$100,000.00	12.50%
TRANSFER FROM CAPITAL RESERVE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
STATE SUBSIDY	\$13,524,533.80	\$14,233,893.12	\$709,359.32	5.24%
LOCAL REQUIRED AND ADDT’L	\$3,472,241.00	\$3,647,030.00	\$174,789.00	5.03%
LOCAL DEBT SERVICE	\$113,336.00	\$141,320.00	\$27,984.00	24.69%
TUITION	\$1,557,226.00	\$1,611,201.00	\$53,975.00	3.47%
MEDICAID	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	100.00%
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	\$341,988.06	\$282,804.11	(\$59,183.95)	-17.31%
<b>TOTAL – Article #15</b>	<b>\$19,814,324.86</b>	<b>\$20,826,248.23</b>	<b>\$1,011,923.37</b>	<b>5.11%</b>

**COST SHARING**

~ Based on Article 15 & 17

\*includes Adult Ed share of \$100,000

	<u>21-22*</u>	<u>22-23*</u>	<u>+/-</u>
Caribou \$	3,552,467	\$ 3,754,793	\$ 202,326
Stockholm \$	133,110	\$ 133,557	\$ 447
\$	<u>3,685,577</u>	<u>\$ 3,888,350</u>	<u>\$ 202,773</u>

## PER PUPIL

(Most Recent Figures Available Through the State)

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(Data Sheet Download)

Fiscal Year	State	RSU 39	Difference \$	Difference %
2020-2021	\$18,020.00	\$15,371.00	-\$2,649.00	-14.70%
2019-2020	\$15,935.25	\$12,647.97	-\$3,287.28	-20.63%
2018-2019	\$13,851.24	\$11,013.75	-\$2,837.50	-20.49%
2017-2018	\$14,124.71	\$11,821.95	-\$2,302.76	-16.30%

## 2021-2022 ENROLLMENT

(Attending Enrollment as of 10/1/21)

	PreK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
CCS	57	74	73	81	59	69	66	75	73	75					702
CHS											140	110	111	95	456
<b>TOTAL</b>															<b>1158</b>

## 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%
2021-2022	\$ 19,814,325	-0.0019%
2022-2023	\$ 20,826,248	0.048%



Schedules for Voting on June 14, 2022

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

Town of Stockholm.....Stockholm Town Office  
62 School Street  
Check times by calling  
896-5659