The Alton School District will create a nurturing learning environment in which everyone is empowered to:

- Develop character and compassion
- Show perseverance as a self-aware learner
- Seek and master the skills necessary to become a contributing global citizen.

FY18 Warrant Articles
Remember to Vote on March 13th

Please take the time to exercise your right to vote. Voting on warrant articles and for District Officers will take place on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at St. Katharine Drexel Parish, 40 Hidden Springs Road, Alton. Polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. and remain open until 7:00 P.M.

District Officers
School Board: For 3 years – Vote for Two (2)
TBD

School Board: For 1 years – Vote for One (1)
TBD

Moderator: Vote for One (1)
TBD

School District Clerk: Vote for One (1)
TBD

ARTICLE II:
Shall the Alton School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling FIFTEEN MILLION, TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-THREE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($15,253,493.00) (Fiscal Note: The amount of
$4,257,094.01 is the net appropriation for the Prospect Mountain High School operating budget which is included in the gross budget amount listed above and recommended by the Joint Maintenance Agreement (JMA) Budget Committee.) Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be FIFTEEN MILLION, ONE HUNDRED THIRTY ONE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($15,131,685.00) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Alton School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (This warrant article does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant articles.) (The Alton School Board recommends $15,253,493.00 by a vote of 4-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends $15,253,493.00 by a vote of 5-0.)

Article II – the operating budget provides the necessary funding to support the operation of the Alton Central School as well as the Alton portion of Prospect Mountain High School.

ARTICLE III:
To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Prospect Mountain School Board (JMA Alton/Barnstead) and the Prospect Mountain Teachers Association, which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

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And to further raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Four Dollars and No Cents ($58,994.00) for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, such sum representing Fifty-three and Sixty Eight Hundredths Percent (53.68%) of the total additional cost of One Hundred Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars and Zero Cents ($109,899.00) attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. The adoption of this Article shall be contingent upon both the Alton (53.68%) and Barnstead (46.32%) Districts approving the cost items and raising and appropriating their respective sum of money to fund the cost items. (The Alton School Board recommends $58,994.00 by a vote of 4-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends $58,994.00 by a vote of 5-0.)

Article III – Teachers will receive 1.5% COLA on the S&T for each of the three years. Teachers will advance one-step each of the first two years until reaching step 16. A step “catch-up” will occur in the last year of the contract by a 60/40 split – Note: This has minimal impact because most the staff impacted will have reached the maximum salary for their particular track by the final year of the contract. The Health Buy Back increased from $1,000 to $2,000 along with a reduction in budgeting requirement for Leave Buy Back from $40,000 to $35,000. Finally, the Committee assignment compensation increased from 3.75% to 4% of BA base salary, but will be paid out based on attendance.

ARTICLE IV: Special Warrant Article:
Shall the School District, if Article III is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article III cost items only.

Article IV – if Article III is defeated, this article would allow the Prospect Mountain Teachers’ Association and the Prospect Mountain School Board (JMA Alton/Barnstead) the opportunity to begin negotiating a contract again, and then hold a special District meeting to seek voter approval on the cost items in negotiated contract.

ARTICLE V: Special Warrant Article:
To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SIXTY–FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($65,000) to be added to the existing Security and Safety Expendable Trust Fund created 03-14-00 under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of maintaining the safety of the school buildings (Used solely for asbestos removal and abatement). (The Alton School Board recommends $65,000 by a vote of 4-0.)
The Alton Budget Committee recommends $65,000 by a vote of 5-0.)

**Article V** – the funds will be used to complete the last phase of asbestos removal at the school.

**ARTICLE VI: Special Warrant Article:**
To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SIXTY SIX THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($66,100) to be added to the existing Buildings and Grounds Expendable Trust created 3-11-08 under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of building, repairing, and maintaining school facilities. (Exterior Door Replacement) **(The Alton School Board recommends $66,100 by a vote of 4-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends $66,100 by a vote of 5-0.)**

Article VI – approximately 10 exterior doors will be replaced due to rusting and age.

**ARTICLE VII: Special Warrant Article**
To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($70,000) to be added to the existing Boiler Capital Reserve Fund created 3-9-99 under RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairing/replacing water heaters, boilers, and ventilation systems. **(The Alton School Board recommends $70,000 by a vote of 4-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends $70,000 by a vote of 5-0.)**

Article VII – this warrant article is the second in a five-year plan to prepare for the refitting of boiler piping that will take place in school year 2021-22. The Boiler Cap. Res. Fund currently has a balance of $118,285.19.

**ARTICLE VIII:**
To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($30,000) for the replacement of interior doors at Alton Central School. **(The Alton School Board recommends $30,000 by a vote of 4-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends $30,000 by a vote of 5-0.)**

Article VIII – approximately 20 interior doors will be replaced due to age.

**ARTICLE IX: Special Warrant Article**
To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($30,000) to be added to the existing Buildings and Grounds Expendable Trust created 3-11-08 under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of building, repairing, and maintaining school facilities. **(The Alton School Board recommends $30,000 by a vote of 4-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends $30,000 by a vote of 5-0.)**

Article IX – the warrant will provide funds for unanticipated facility needs. The Buildings and Grounds Expendable Trust currently has a balance of $675.24.

**ARTICLE X:**
To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED ($38,500) to be added to the Buildings and Grounds Expendable Trust Fund created 3-11-08 under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of building, repairing, and maintaining school facilities and to authorize the use of that amount of the June 30, 2018 fund balance. (This amount represents the interest earned on bond proceeds transferred to the general fund on June 30, 2018 and no funds to be raised from general taxation.) **(The Alton School Board recommends $38,500 by a vote of 4-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends $38,500 by a vote of 5-0.)**

Article X – the warrant will allow the School District to deposit the interest earned from the bond into the Buildings and Grounds Expendable Trust, which currently has a balance of $675.24.

**ARTICLE XI: A Special Warrant Article**
To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($20,000.00) to be added to the Prospect Mountain High School Athletic Field Capital Reserve Fund previously established, said sum representing Fifty percent
For the past several months, District Administrators and the School Board have been working together to create a budget that will support and enrich curriculum development, student achievement, personalization, technology, professional development, and facility upgrades. With your support, we will continue to enhance and advance all students as they prepare for a future that holds endless possibilities and career paths yet to be created.

We look forward to seeing you at the Deliberative Session, Saturday, February 3, 2018, 1:00, at Prospect Mountain High School.

Respectfully,
Pamela Stiles, M.Ed., CAGS
Superintendent

(50%) of the total appropriation of FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($40,000.00). And further that this appropriation shall be contingent upon both Alton (50%) and Barnstead (50%) School Districts adopting the article and appropriating and transferring their respective sum of money. (JMA Board recommends by a vote of 6-0. The Alton School Board recommends by a vote of 4-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends $20,000.00 by a vote of 5-0.)

Article XI - This article adds to a non-lapsing capital reserve fund for maintenance and repairs of the athletic fields at Prospect Mountain High School. Due to a request to draw this fund for resurfacing the track, it is suggested that this fund be replenished by $20,000.00 to insure that needed money will be available when the tennis court resurfacing and other necessary fieldwork is needed. (Total to be raised, $40,000, which will be split 50/50 as a Capital Expense. Currently this fund has a balance of $37,785.00.)

ARTICLE XII:
To hear report of any committees, boards, trustees, commissions, officials, agents or concerned voters and vote to accept the same. Furthermore, to conduct any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Message from the Superintendent……..