

WARRANT

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, October 5, 2009
SPECIAL ELECTION, October 20, 2009

HAMPDEN COUNTY, SS

TO ANY OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF WILBRAHAM IN THE COUNTY OF HAMPDEN,

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Wilbraham qualified to vote in a special election and in Town affairs to meet at

Precinct A: Wilbraham Middle School

Precinct B: Soule Road School

Precinct C: Wilbraham Middle School

Precinct D: Soule Road School

in said Wilbraham on **Tuesday, the 20th day of October, 2009 when the polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM**, then and there to act on the following:

To give their votes YES or NO on the following question:

Shall the Town of Wilbraham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay the Town's allocable share of the bond issued by the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District for the purpose of paying costs of designing, constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new District High School, to be located at 621 Main Street, Wilbraham, Massachusetts, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?

All business of said meeting, except the special election for the determination of such matters as by law are required to be determined by ballot, shall be considered at **7:00 PM, on Monday, the 5th day of October, 2009 at the Minnechaug Regional High School Auditorium**, in said Town, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will approve the **\$82,271,129** borrowing authorized by vote of the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District on August 25, 2009, for the purpose of paying costs of designing, constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new high school, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto (the "High School Project"), including site work, and designing, constructing and equipping a swimming pool and District administrative offices, to be located at 621 Main Street, Wilbraham, Massachusetts, which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility, for the instruction of school children, of at least 50 years, said sum to be expended at the direction of the School Building Committee. Said vote provides as follows:

I. Elements of the High School Project Eligible for Grant Funding: \$76,796,379 of the total amount authorized to be borrowed by this vote is expected to be expended to pay costs of High School Project elements for which the District may be eligible to receive a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA") to pay a portion of such costs, the District acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs of the High School Project that the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District; any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA on account of the High School Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 61.73 percent (%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA, and that the total amount of the borrowing authorized by this vote shall be reduced by any amounts received from the MSBA prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized under this vote, and

II. **Elements of the High School Project Not Eligible for Grant Funding:** \$5,474,750 of the total amount authorized to be borrowed by this vote is expected to be expended to pay costs of High School Project elements not eligible for grant funding, involving sitework, and designing, constructing and equipping a swimming pool and District administrative offices. The District acknowledges that the costs described in this paragraph shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member towns, and that the District is not eligible to receive financial assistance from The Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the MSBA to defray any portion of such costs.

however, that this approval shall be subject to and contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2½ debt exclusion referendum under General Laws Chapter 59, § 21C(k), or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article, if passed, would approve the action of the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District to incur debt for the purpose of paying costs of designing, constructing, equipping and furnishing a new regional high school to replace the current Minnechaug Regional High School.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Office Building, the Library, Post Office, Wilbraham Shops, the Town of Wilbraham Disposal and Recycling Center, The Village Store & Cafe, and the Wilbraham Commons Community Room in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid. Given under our hands this sixteenth day of September, two thousand and nine.



David W. Barry, Selectman

James E. Thompson, Selectman

Patrick J. Brady, Selectman