

ARTICLE 20: Armstrong Modular Borrowing Article Amendment (School Department)

To see if the Town will vote to increase the previously authorized borrow amount under Article 20 at the 2017 Annual Town Meeting and said article as amended by Article 3 of the November 2017 Special Town Meeting, from \$1.5 million to \$4.15 million. This article allows the construction of four new classrooms at Armstrong School. The total amount includes \$750,000 in State Fire Code upgrades necessary to bring the existing Armstrong school building up to current State Building Codes, and the cost to date incurred in designing, bidding a modular classroom approach for this facility or some other amount as may be voted by Town Meeting or take any other action thereon.

Town Manager's Statement – This article seeks to increase the borrowing authorization for the demolition and replacement of the Armstrong Elementary modular units. The original article appropriated \$1.5 million dollars to replace the four modular in-kind with four new modular. When the cost came in above the anticipated cost, the School Building Committee sought an amendment at the Special Town Meeting in November 2017 to the original article to expand the use of the original borrowing authority to include the design, bidding and construction of a new addition to the Armstrong School. The full cost at this time is estimated to be \$4.15 million to build on-site four new classrooms. The motion for this Article requires a 2/3 majority vote.