



**Warrant for Annual Town Election  
September 25, 2023  
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Worcester, ss.**

To any Constable of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester,

**Greetings:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to vote by ballot, on Monday, the twenty fifth day of September 2023, at the Town Hall Auditorium, 695 Main Street, in said Lancaster from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM, for the following purpose:

**Ballot Question One**

Shall the Town of Lancaster be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay Lancaster's allocable share of the bond issued by the Nashoba Regional School District for the purpose of paying costs of a new Nashoba Regional High School, 12 Green Road, Bolton, MA 01740 including site work and athletic fields, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Full and concise summary of the question:

G. L. c.59, §21C, otherwise known as Proposition 2½, limits the amount of revenue a city or town may raise from local property taxes each year to fund municipal operations. This amount is known as the annual levy limit. Generally, the levy limit is constrained in one of two ways. First, the levy cannot exceed 2.5% of the total assessed value of taxable real and personal property in the municipality. This is known as the levy ceiling. Second, the levy automatically increases by 2.5% above the prior year's levy after accounting for increased value from new growth. This is known as the levy limit. In no case, may the levy limit exceed the levy ceiling. However, Proposition 2½ allows a city or town to exclude certain debt from the levy with the approval of the voters at an election. The additional amount of the debt is added to the levy limit for the life of the debt only.

Here, Question 1 seeks to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay Lancaster's allocable share of the bond issued by the Nashoba Regional School District of the costs of a new Nashoba Regional High School.

Effects of the vote: A **yes** vote would exempt the Town's allocable share of the bond issued by the District for the purpose of paying for the new school from the maximum amount the Town can levy through taxation. A **no** vote would not exempt the Town's allocable share of the bond issued by the District for the purpose of paying for the new school from the maximum amount the Town can levy through taxation.

The polls will open at 7:00 A.M. and will remain open until 8:00 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the South Lancaster Post Office, the Center Post Office, the Town Hall, and the Fifth Meeting House, in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said Town Election. Hereof fail not and make due return of the Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of elections aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

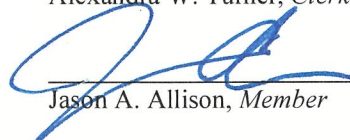
*Select Board of Lancaster*



Stephen J. Kerrigan, *Chairman*



Alexandra W. Turner, *Clerk*

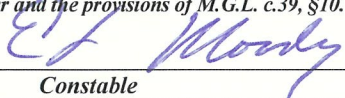


Jason A. Allison, *Member*

CONSTABLE'S CERTIFICATION

*I hereby certify under the pains and penalties of perjury that I posted an attested copy of this Warrant at the South Lancaster Post Office, the Center Post Office, the Town Hall, and the Fifth Meeting House on the date attested. I further certify that this Warrant was posted in accordance with the By-laws of the Town of Lancaster and the provisions of M.G.L. c.39, §10.*

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_



Constable

Date \_\_\_\_\_

9/6/23