

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
NEK CHOICE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
March 3, 2026**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Mark or place a cross (X) on the line at the right of your choice.

ARTICLE 1. Shall the voters of NEK Choice Unified School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation to pay tuition expenses?

YES _____

NO _____

ARTICLE 2. Shall the voters of NEK Choice Unified School District authorize the Board of School Directors to withdraw from the reserve fund in order to pay unanticipated tuition expenses?

YES _____

NO _____

ARTICLE 3. Shall the voters of the NEK Choice Unified School District approve the Board of School Directors to expend \$7,594,091 which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$12,736 per weighted pupil. This projected spending per weighted pupil is 10% lower than the current year. (Australian Ballot)

YES _____

NO _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

- A. TO VOTE. Mark or place a cross (X) on the line at the right of your choice.
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. Voters in all the merger towns may vote for candidates running in each of the other towns, not just the candidate from their own town.
- D. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and mark or place a cross (X) on the line at the right of your choice.

ARTICLE 4. To elect all School district Officers, as required by law

For Lemington School Director Vote for not more than ONE 3-Year term Sharon Ellingwood _____ _____ (Write In)	For Brunswick School Director Vote for not more than ONE 3-Year term Rachel Cliché _____ _____ (Write In)	For Guildhall School Director Vote for not more than ONE 3-Year term Patricia Brown _____ _____ (Write In)	For Maidstone School Director Vote for not more than ONE 3-Year term Heather LeFoll _____ _____ (Write In)
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ARTICLE 5. Shall the Northeast Kingdom Choice Unified School District voters advise the School Board, the General Assembly, and the Governor that:

- For generations, students throughout our district have benefited from the opportunity to choose from a wide variety of public and independent school options.
- The ability for families to choose a school that meets the unique needs of each student is an important feature of our system that has led to greater opportunity and increased equity among our students.
- The Electorate does not support the funding of any school that discriminates against students or staff on the basis of race, religion, creed, color, national origin, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity.
- The Electorate opposes any effort to curtail choice and the educational opportunities that have been available in our communities for generations and strongly supports the continued autonomy of independent schools.

YES _____

NO _____

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