

**ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
NEK CHOICE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
For the year ending December 31, 2024**



**INFORMATIONAL MEETING NOTICE**

**Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Maidstone Town Hall**

**Call in remotely with phone number 312-626-6799**

**Zoom Meeting ID: 835 8275 1829 Passcode: sLJ6h1**

***Our mission of the NEK Choice Unified School District is to acknowledge each student's individuality and provide school choice to help ensure the most rewarding and successful educational experience and environment.***

**Bloomfield, Brunswick, East Haven, Granby, Guildhall, Kirby, Lemington, Maidstone, Norton, Victory**

## NEK CHOICE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The legal voters of NEK Choice School District are hereby duly notified and warned to meet at their respective individual voting locations below, to vote for Articles One (1) through Four (4) by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, with the polls open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Town of Brunswick: Brunswick Community Office Building

Town of Bloomfield: Bloomfield Town Hall

Town of East Haven: East Haven Community Building

Town of Granby: Granby Town Office

Town of Guildhall: Guildhall Town Office

Town of Kirby: Kirby Town Office

Town of Lemington: Lemington Town Hall

Town of Maidstone: Maidstone Town Office

Town of Norton: Norton Town Office

Town of Victory: Victory Town Office

**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? (Australian Ballot)

**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? (Australian Ballot)

**ARTICLE 3.** Shall the voters of the NEK Choice Unified School District approve the Board of Directors to expend \$7,630,243 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 \$14,665 per weighted pupil. This projected spending per weighted pupil is 17.1% higher than for the current year. (Australian Ballot)

**ARTICLE 4.** To elect all School District Officers, as required by law. (Australian Ballot)

**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. (Australian Ballot)

Given unto our hands this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2025.

*Miles Etter*

Miles Etter, Chair

*Patricia Brown*

Patricia Brown

*Rita Laferriere*

Rita Laferriere

*Lloyd Thompson*

Lloyd Thompson

*Melanie Jacques-Staats*

Melanie Jacques-Staats

*Bethany Bond*

Bethany Bond

*Sharon Ellingwood-White*

Sharon Ellingwood-White

*Susan Graves*

Susan Graves

*Sonia Peters*

Sonia Peters

*Lyn Schmucker*

Lyn Schmucker

*Rachel Cliche*

Rachel Cliché