



## ARTICLE 19: Concord Middle School Capital Projects –Fields and Landscaping

Ms. Anderson moves that the Town take affirmative action on Article 19 as printed in the handout pertaining to the Article.



## ARTICLE 19: CPS Capital – Fields & Landscaping

### DETAILS

- Article 19 funds athletic fields and associated landscaping for the new CMS building ONLY IF the construction bids exceed \$87M
  - Because ...bids in excess of \$87M will cause the total project cost to exceed the \$110M currently allocated for the project
  - At which point, the CMSBC will deduct, in specific order, an agreed upon list of five items from the scope of the project
    - Fields and landscaping are included on the agreed upon list (#4)
- If the bids are at or below budget, even if Article 19 passes, WE WILL NOT BORROW THE 1.4M

## ARTICLE 19: CPS Capital – Fields & Landscaping



### RATIONALE

- It is not likely that the Concord Public Schools would open a school absent fields and landscaping
- Should the Concord Public School Committee wait to advance a capital article to fund fields and landscaping at a later Town Meeting, costs would likely escalate and we would PAY MORE FOR THE SAME DESIGN
  - Concord Public Schools plans to APPLY FOR GRANT MONEY TO PARTIALLY OFFSET THE COSTS of fields and landscaping regardless of the bid amounts
    - Conversations with the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) have commenced



## ARTICLE 19: CPS Capital – Fields & Landscaping

### SUMMARY

- IF BIDS DO NOT EXCEED \$87M, THE TOWN OF CONCORD WILL NOT BORROW THE \$1.4M regardless of whether Article 19 is passed today
- If bids do exceed \$87M, and fields and landscaping are removed from the project scope, it will be necessary to pursue a capital article – either this year or in the future
  - Pursuing a capital article this year allows us to complete the project with known costs, PROTECTING TAXPAYERS FROM COST ESCALATION
- Regardless of whether bids exceed \$87M or not, Concord Public School Committee will pursue a grant application with the CPC to offset costs



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