



**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

**September 2, 2026
6:15 PM - Town Hall - Council Chambers**

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1. ROLL CALL

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

Present: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire (arrived at 6:37 pm), Zach Zannoni

Absent:

Also present were Assistant Town Manager, Steve Bielenda, Director of Finance, John Wilcox and Bond Counsel Danielle Braun.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Resolution to Appropriate \$511,000,000 for the New Construction of Hazardville Memorial Elementary School, Prudence Crandall Elementary School, Parkman Elementary School and Barnard Elementary School and for the Conversion of Eli Whitney Elementary School into the Eagle Academy Therapeutic Day School, and to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds or Notes of the Town in an Amount Not to Exceed \$89,000,000, with the Balance Funded by Grants and Other Available Funds (Tabled 8/24/26)

RESOLUTION #7677 by: Cynthia Mangini, seconded: Robert Cressotti.

MOTION by: John Santanella, seconded: Linda Allegro to waive the reading of the full resolution. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted unanimously.

A copy of the full resolution is appended to these minutes.

Councilor Pyznar declared that she has been in support of this since day one and hasn't changed her mind. However, she is only questioning the \$89 million because on November 3rd, without all of those space waivers, the number is \$115 million. She believes people are going to vote for it whether it's \$89 million or \$115 million. Ms. Pyznar is looking for clarification on the dollar amounts.

The Town's Bond Counsel Danielle Braun addressed the question by explaining that her role does not typically get involved in the portion of determining the numbers. She explained that the resolution allows the Town to borrow up to \$89 million and the balance is paid for using other state, federal or other grants and aid, other monies, etc.

Councilor Pyznar stated she understood there were originally four space waivers. We were not able to get two of them. If we were to pass and renovate without the other two space waivers, the number is going to be larger.

Mayor Cekala clarified that if it is \$89 million on the resolution, we cannot ask for a larger bond. Ms. Braun confirmed this to be the case.

Jeff Wisinski of Tecton Architects addressed the council to give clarification to the \$89 million on the resolution. It is the same total project cost number that was presented at the last community conversation. There was an effort to seek relief from the allowable areas for each of the buildings. All five projects were seeking relief from the state and two of the five received it through special legislation. The grants were submitted in June and it locks in the reimbursement rate for 2026. That base reimbursement was utilized in all the projections was 70%. Four of the five projects were Pre-K to Five. That gets you an additional 15%. It is correct to assume that all five projects would receive relief from the allowable area so that you could maximize your reimbursement. Two of those projects have been received and approved. We were informed that the other ones would be next session. All five of these projects are going to be delivered in two phases over about seven or eight years. There is time to either continue to seek the relief for the allowable area, the special legislation session or next legislative session. As an alternate option, you can submit a revised space waiver form to OGA and the commissioner has the right to approve that through their office. There are a couple of different avenues to get back to maximizing the reimbursement. The calculations for the reimbursements that were put together were based on historical experience. They did not include items such as the additional increase for the specialized education space in each of the buildings, which yields an additional 2% to the reimbursement. Additionally, 2.5% was deducted from the reimbursement calculation to account for something called "ineligibles." Anything pertaining to off the property would not be reimbursed by the state. There is about a half dozen different variables in the reimbursement calculations. The goal is not to hit the high mark or the low mark for reimbursement. The target is in the middle and be transparent throughout the entire process as to a reasonable expectation for the reimbursement. He encouraged everyone in the community to review the overall schedule because there is time before the dollars are spent. Having grant approval does not mean that the project needs to move forward. There

are many different mechanisms to protect the community and give some assurances. He feels this plan is a responsible approach. It was further explained that once the approval letters come in, there are several opportunities to obtain the remaining space waivers from the state and construction can be put on pause until all of them are in place. The back-end planning can still proceed. Factoring everything, the most educated approach the team could present is saying the \$89 million is accurate.

Deputy Mayor Santanella stated that in this year's legislative session they asked for waivers for all five buildings. The concern is that we were not going to bond this year for buildings that we aren't going to put a shovel in the ground for eight more years when other cities and towns are ready to go next year. That is why we don't have the money approved today for five buildings. Mr. Santanella confirmed with the team that to their knowledge, a school project has never been rejected on a space waiver by the state. He further explained that the \$89 million bill could potentially be lower due to the housing bill reimbursement not being factored into this calculation. An additional \$25 million could be coming off this project. He feels we have every reason to expect that we would get the additional 5% funding.

Councilor Hall looked for clarification on the impact of the project on the mill rate. She referenced that in the past, there was a helpful tool on the Town's website where a resident could calculate the personal impact of the referendum passing on their assessment. She feels it is a good idea to put up a tool for this project so the public can understand what the project is going to cost them based on the \$89 million that we are looking to bond. The council was provided a chart showing the impact for each year and she would like the public to be well-informed. Additionally, she emphasized that there is support to renovate, but it is ultimately in the hands of the voters to decide. She is here to support that effort and thanked the committee for all the work they put into the proposal.

Deputy Mayor Santanella suggested that if we put up a tool to show the cost of moving forward with the proposal, we should also put up a tool that indicates the cost of *not* moving forward with it. Those costs involve money spent without getting state reimbursements and costs to fix the buildings as they are. He feels it is important for the public to understand the alternative as well as this plan.

Councilor Zannoni commented on the possibility of adding a volatility option to the tool that could be placed on the website. He would like the public to be able to see the calculations based on the special education and housing incentive options. That way, people can click and see how that can change. He also agreed with the Deputy Mayor's point of giving information on the alternative if we do nothing. Additionally, although we are building new schools, we are not adding. In theory, we are consolidating, which is cost-efficient. He

emphasized that utilizing shared resources would be better for the taxpayers and save them money. He agrees that this is the best proposal being put forward and looks forward to it being put forth to a referendum vote.

Councilor Cressotti commended the committee members for the hard work and effort they put into this proposal. He reminded everyone that the information presented tonight has been consistently presented at previous meetings, community conversations and put on the website.

Councilor Mangini recognized the work put in by the committee and the public that have come forward to speak on their opinions about the proposal. She indicated that there is no question as to whether we move forward. The cost of the project is going to be far worse than what we are looking at now if we wait so she is supporting this referendum.

Councilor Hall looked to the architect to clarify the reimbursement rates for building new versus renovating. He confirmed that the reimbursement percent can drop significantly for renovation. It was also confirmed that if the bulk of the work that needs to be done is due to maintenance, there is no reimbursement. Ms. Hall believes it is very important that the voters understand the financial aspect of this project and what the total costs associated with it will be.

Councilor Allegro emphasized the importance of having space for universal pre-k. She feels it is important to give them an environment that will be safe and healthy so they can thrive.

Councilor Matthews stated she is also in favor of this proposal. She agrees that making informational materials about the proposal readily available to the voters. Additionally, she spoke on the difficulties of the Town's Building and Grounds department keeping up with the ongoing maintenance of the school buildings. A "patch and fix" as we go approach is not much of a "Plan B." The new proposal will address an overcrowding issue to accommodate growth in the town in the coming years. She also discussed the ability to have a maintenance plan built in so that we can start from the get-go on keeping up with the maintenance of the buildings.

Councilor Thomas is in favor the project, but emphasized that it is ultimately in the hands of the voters to decide. He commented that at the last public hearing, it was overwhelmingly supported by the residents.

Councilor Unghire announced her support of the proposal and stated we cannot afford not

to support it.

Mayor Cekala indicated that \$89 million is 17% of \$511 million. It is a lot of money and the maximum amount to be paid for this project. If we vote no at this referendum, we will be responsible for 100% of more than \$200 million to repair these buildings. It is her opinion that we cannot afford to *not* do this project. This grant money is going to go to another town and they will get new schools if we do not pass the referendum. Then our residents are going to pay state and federal taxes towards another town's benefit. Ms. Cekala also agrees that it is important for the residents to have the information on what it is going to cost them. She also likes the idea of illustrating what the numbers would be if we do not pass the proposed referendum. The numbers on the calculation sheet do not show the full picture as it does not factor in the other incentives that Enfield is eligible for and will bring the reimbursement rates higher. Additionally, the calculation sheet assumes that 100% of the costs are passed along to the individual taxpayer. She explained that isn't how it works during the passing of the budget. Although the numbers referenced on the calculation sheet look scary, they do not convey the whole picture. Ms. Cekala also discussed other options such as refinancing the debt like we recently did, to bring the numbers down. She highlighted her support of passing this proposal.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7677** adopted unanimously.

B. Resolution to Submit to Referendum the Appropriation and Bonding Resolution for the Expansion and Renovation of Hazardville Memorial Elementary School, Prudence Crandall Elementary School, Parkman Elementary School and Barnard Elementary School and for the Conversion of Eli Whitney Elementary School into the Eagle Academy Therapeutic Day School, and to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds or Notes of the Town in an Amount Not to Exceed \$89,000,000, with the Balance Funded by Grants and Other Available Funds (Tabled 8/24/26)

RESOLUTION #7678 by: Aaron Thomas, seconded by Cynthia Mangini.

MOTION by: Aaron Thomas, seconded by Cynthia Mangini to waive the reading of the full resolution. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted unanimously.

A copy of the full resolution is appended to these minutes.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7678** adopted unanimously.

3. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by: Cynthia Mangini: seconded by John Santanella to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 7:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Bielenda, Assistant Town Manager

Kenzy Lee, Deputy Town Clerk
Acting Secretary of the Council



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Date: September 2, 2026

Title: Resolution to Appropriate \$511,000,000 for the New Construction of Hazardville Memorial Elementary School, Prudence Crandall Elementary School, Parkman Elementary School and Barnard Elementary School and for the Conversion of Eli Whitney Elementary School into the Eagle Academy Therapeutic Day School, and to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds or Notes of the Town in an Amount Not to Exceed \$89,000,000, with the Balance Funded by Grants and Other Available Funds (Tabled 8/24/26)

- Approves the Elementary School Facilities Plan with a total project budget of \$511 million, including four new elementary schools and the conversion of Eli Whitney School into Eagle Academy Therapeutic Day School.
- Limits Town borrowing to \$89 million, with the balance anticipated to be financed through state school construction grants, available fund balance, and other approved funding sources.
- Authorizes the Enfield Elementary Schools Building Committee to oversee design, construction, and implementation of the projects.
- Requires a town-wide referendum before the authorization becomes effective, ensuring voters have the final decision on the proposed plan.
- Directs the Town and Board of Education to pursue state and other grant funding and authorizes all necessary actions related to project financing, including temporary borrowing and bond issuance.
- Refers the projects to the Planning and Zoning Commission for an 8-24 review as required by Connecticut law.

Budget Impact: This resolution will not have an immediate budget impact to the FY 2027 Budget

Recommendation: If the Council wishes to authorize the elementary school and Eagle Academy projects, associated financing, grant applications, and referral to the Planning and Zoning Commission, adoption of the following resolution is required.

BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION 1. That the Town of Enfield (the "Town") appropriate \$511,000,000 for the following projects: (i) \$105,000,000 for the new construction of Hazardville Memorial Elementary School; (ii) \$114,000,000 for the new construction of Prudence Crandall Elementary School; (iii) \$109,000,000 for the new construction of Parkman Elementary School; (iv) \$122,000,000 for the new construction of Barnard Elementary School; and (v) \$61,000,000 for the conversion of Eli Whitney Elementary School into the Eagle Academy Therapeutic Day School (the "Projects"). The appropriation may be expended for site improvements, design and construction



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costs, equipment, furnishings, materials, professional fees, architectural fees, engineering fees, and for administrative, printing, legal and financing costs, interest expense for temporary borrowings and other costs related to the Projects. The appropriation shall include any federal or state grants-in-aid received for the Projects. The Enfield Elementary Schools Building Committee is authorized to act as a school building committee for the Projects, to approve design and construction expenditures for the Projects, including the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Projects, the filing of the notice of proposed school building Projects, and to exercise such other powers as are necessary or appropriate to complete the Projects. The Enfield Elementary Schools Building Committee may reduce the scope of the Projects if funds are insufficient to complete all of the Projects, and the entire appropriation may be spent on the reduced Projects. The Town Council may, by resolution, transfer unexpended funds among the Projects, so long as the total appropriation and bond authorization is not increased.

SECTION 2. That the Town of Enfield finance the appropriation by (i) issuing the Town's bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed \$89,000,000, (ii) using any federal, state or other grants-in-aid or other funds received for the Projects, (iii) using monies available in the unappropriated and unencumbered general fund cash balance (in accordance with the procedures in Chapter VI, Section 8(g) of the Town Charter), and (iv) using monies available from other sources as determined by resolution of the Town Council. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, may be issued in one or more series in the amount necessary to meet the appropriation and shall mature not later than the thirtieth year after their date of issuance. The bonds or notes may be sold as a single issue or consolidated with any other authorized issues of bonds or notes of the Town. The Director of Finance shall keep a record of the bonds or notes. The bonds or notes shall be signed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the Town Manager and Director of Finance and shall bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof. The bonds or notes shall each recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been fully complied with, that such bond or note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The terms, details and particulars of such bonds or notes shall be determined by the Town Manager and Director of Finance. Said bonds or notes shall be sold by the Town Manager and Director of Finance at public sale or by negotiation in their discretion.

SECTION 3. That the Town Manager and Director of Finance are authorized to issue temporary notes in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds or notes. The notes shall be signed by the Town Manager and Director of Finance and shall bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof. The notes shall be issued with maturity dates in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended. The notes shall each recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been fully complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing, and marketing such notes, to the extent paid from the proceeds from the issuance of bonds or notes, shall be included as a cost of the Projects.

SECTION 4. That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that costs of the Projects



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may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized for the Projects; that the Town Manager and Director of Finance are authorized to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and agreements as they deem necessary or advisable in order to ensure and maintain the continued exemption from Federal income taxation of interest on the bonds, notes or temporary notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years; and that the Town Manager and Director of Finance are authorized to make representations and agreements for the benefit of the holders of the bonds, notes or temporary notes to provide secondary market disclosure information and to execute and deliver on behalf of the Town an agreement to provide such information with such terms and conditions as they, with the advice of bond counsel, deem necessary and appropriate.

SECTION 5. That the Board of Education will apply to the Commissioner of Education for a State of Connecticut School Construction Grant for the Projects and that the Town Manager is authorized to apply for any other federal, state or other grants-in-aid for the Projects and to accept or reject such grants on behalf of the Town. The Town Council, Town Manager, Director of Finance and other Town officials and employees are authorized to take all actions necessary and proper to carry out the Projects and to issue the bonds, notes or temporary notes to finance a portion of the appropriation.

SECTION 6. That the Town Council hereby refers the Projects to the Town of Enfield Planning and Zoning Commission for a report under Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

SECTION 7. That this resolution shall take effect upon publication of its passage by the Town Council in a newspaper having a circulation in the Town, in the manner provided in the Town Charter, and when the same shall have been approved by a majority of those voting thereon at a referendum called and warned for such purpose. The date of such referendum shall be determined by resolution of the Town Council. In the event that this resolution shall not be approved at such referendum, it shall be null and void and of no effect.

Date Prepared: 8/14/2026
Prepared By: Town Manager's Office



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Date: September 2, 2026

Title: Resolution to Submit to Referendum the Appropriation and Bonding Resolution for the Expansion and Renovation of Hazardville Memorial Elementary School, Prudence Crandall Elementary School, Parkman Elementary School and Barnard Elementary School and for the Conversion of Eli Whitney Elementary School into the Eagle Academy Therapeutic Day School, and to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds or Notes of the Town in an Amount Not to Exceed \$89,000,000, with the Balance Funded by Grants and Other Available Funds (Tabled 8/24/26)

- Schedules a Town-wide referendum for November 3, 2026, to coincide with the municipal election, for voter consideration of the Elementary School Facilities Plan.
- Places a single referendum question before voters seeking approval of a \$511 million appropriation for elementary school expansion, renovation, and redevelopment projects.
- Includes funding for Hazardville Memorial, Prudence Crandall, Parkman, and Barnard Elementary Schools, as well as the conversion of Eli Whitney Elementary School into Eagle Academy Therapeutic Day School.
- Authorizes Town borrowing of up to \$89 million through bonds or notes, with the remaining project costs to be funded through grants and other available funding sources.
- Establishes voting procedures for the referendum, including use of regular polling locations for electors, voting at Town Hall for qualified non-electors, and the availability of absentee ballots through the Town Clerk's Office.
- Authorizes the Town Clerk and Town Manager to prepare and distribute the referendum's explanatory text and informational materials in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes.

Budget Impact: This resolution will not have an immediate budget impact to the FY 2027 Budget

Recommendation: If Council wishes to place the appropriation and bonding for the elementary school modernization plan on the November 2026 ballot, approval of the attached resolution is recommended.

BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION 1. That the following appropriation and bonding resolution approved by the Town Council heretofore at this meeting shall be submitted to a referendum vote on the voting



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tabulators or paper ballots by Town electors and qualified voters for approval or disapproval in conjunction with the election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (Eastern Time):

Resolution to appropriate \$511,000,000 for costs related to the expansion and renovation of the Town's elementary schools as follows: (i) \$105,000,000 for Hazardville Memorial Elementary School; (ii) \$114,000,000 for Prudence Crandall Elementary School; \$109,000,000 for Parkman Elementary School; (iv) \$122,000,000 for Barnard Elementary School; and (v) \$61,000,000 for the conversion of Eli Whitney Elementary School into the Eagle Academy Therapeutic Day School; and to authorize the issuance of bonds or notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$89,000,000, with the balance funded by grants and other available funds.

SECTION 2. That the polling places used by the Town for the election shall be utilized by Town electors for purposes of the referendum vote on the voting tabulators or paper ballots. Voters qualified to vote who are not electors shall vote at the Enfield Town Hall in accordance with the procedures contained in Section 9-369d of the Connecticut General Statutes, which procedures the Town hereby chooses to apply. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's Office.

SECTION 3. That the appropriation and bonding resolution approved above shall be placed upon the voting tabulators or paper ballots under the following heading:

QUESTION 1

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"SHALL THE TOWN OF ENFIELD APPROPRIATE \$511,000,000 FOR THE EXPANSION AND RENOVATION OF HAZARDVILLE MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, PRUDENCE CRANDALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, PARKMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND BARNARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND FOR THE CONVERSION OF ELI WHITNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INTO THE EAGLE ACADEMY THERAPEUTIC DAY SCHOOL, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$89,000,000, WITH THE BALANCE FUNDED BY GRANTS AND OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS?"

YES NO

SECTION 4. That the Warning of the referendum vote shall state that the full text of the resolution adopted by the Town Council heretofore at this meeting is on file and open to public inspection in the Town Clerk's Office.

SECTION 5. That the Town Clerk is authorized to prepare a concise, explanatory text of the



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following appropriation and bonding resolution which, by vote of the Town Council, has been submitted to a referendum vote on the voting tabulators or paper ballots of the Town, and the Town Manager is authorized to prepare additional explanatory materials regarding said resolution, such text and explanatory materials to be prepared in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 9-369b:

Resolution to appropriate \$511,000,000 for costs related to the expansion and renovation of the Town's elementary schools as follows: (i) \$105,000,000 for Hazardville Memorial Elementary School; (ii) \$114,000,000 for Prudence Crandall Elementary School; \$109,000,000 for Parkman Elementary School; (iv) \$122,000,000 for Barnard Elementary School; and (v) \$61,000,000 for the conversion of Eli Whitney Elementary School into the Eagle Academy Therapeutic Day School; and to authorize the issuance of bonds or notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$89,000,000, with the balance funded by grants and other available funds

WARNING

REFERENDUM

NOVEMBER 3, 2026

The electors and persons qualified to vote in the Town of Enfield are hereby warned that a referendum vote will be held in conjunction with the elections on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). The polling places used by the Town for the election shall be utilized by Town electors for purposes of the referendum vote. Voters qualified to vote who are not electors shall vote at the Enfield Town Hall. The referendum vote shall be on an appropriation and bonding resolution approved by the Town Council on August 17, 2026, which resolution shall be placed upon the voting tabulators or paper ballots under the following heading:

QUESTION 1.

"SHALL THE TOWN OF ENFIELD APPROPRIATE \$511,000,000 FOR THE EXPANSION AND RENOVATION OF HAZARDVILLE MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, PRUDENCE CRANDALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, PARKMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND BARNARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND FOR THE



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CONVERSION OF ELI WHITNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INTO THE EAGLE ACADEMY THERAPEUTIC DAY SCHOOL, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$89,000,000, WITH THE BALANCE FUNDED BY GRANTS AND OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS?"

YES NO

The full text of the Town Council resolution is on file and available for public inspection at the Town Clerk's Office. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's Office.

Dated at Enfield, Connecticut this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Sheila M. Bailey, Town Clerk

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EXPLANATORY TEXT – NOVEMBER 3, 2026 REFERENDUM VOTE

"SHALL THE TOWN OF ENFIELD APPROPRIATE \$511,000,000 FOR THE EXPANSION AND RENOVATION OF HAZARDVILLE MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, PRUDENCE CRANDALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, PARKMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND BARNARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND FOR THE CONVERSION OF ELI WHITNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INTO THE EAGLE ACADEMY THERAPEUTIC DAY SCHOOL, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$89,000,000, WITH THE BALANCE FUNDED BY GRANTS AND OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS?"

YES NO

A resolution adopted by the Enfield Town Council at a meeting held on August 17, 2026 shall be submitted to a referendum vote on the voting tabulators or paper ballots by Town electors and qualified voters for approval or disapproval in conjunction with the election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).



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If approved, the resolution presented under the ballot heading above will appropriate \$511,000,000 for costs related to the expansion and renovation of the Town's elementary schools as follows: (i) \$105,000,000 for Hazardville Memorial Elementary School; (ii) \$114,000,000 for Prudence Crandall Elementary School; \$109,000,000 for Parkman Elementary School; (iv) \$122,000,000 for Barnard Elementary School; and (v) \$61,000,000 for the conversion of Eli Whitney Elementary School into the Eagle Academy Therapeutic Day School (the "Projects"). The Town estimates that it will receive a reimbursement rate of approximately 83% from the State of Connecticut, leaving the Town's total share of the Projects at approximately \$89,000,000. The resolution provides that the Town will finance the \$511,000,000 appropriation by (i) issuing the Town's bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed \$89,000,000, (ii) using any federal, state or other grants-in-aid or other funds received for the Projects, (iii) using monies available in the unappropriated and unencumbered general fund cash balance (in accordance with the procedures in Chapter VI, Section 8(g) of the Town Charter), and (iv) using monies available from other sources as determined by resolution of the Town Council.

The full text of the Town Council resolution is on file and available for public inspection at the Town Clerk's Office.

The polling places used by the Town for the election shall be utilized by Town electors for purposes of the referendum vote. Voters qualified to vote who are not electors shall vote at the Enfield Town Hall. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's Office.

Date Prepared: 8/14/2026
Prepared By: Town Manager's Office