



# Town of Paris

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## Public Notice

This public notice is being published at the direction of the Paris Board of Selectmen.

At the May 16, 2024 Selectmen's meeting the Selectmen signed the warrant and the Notice of Election for the FY25 MSAD17 budget validation referendum. This referendum vote will take place on June 11, 2024 at the Paris Fire Station from 8am – 8pm. Absentee ballots can also be attained by contacting the Town Clerk's Office. This vote will be the final chance to approve or turn down the proposed MSAD17's budget.

During this meeting, the Selectmen discussed the proposed increase to the MSAD17 budget. If the proposed MSAD17 cost center budget passes with the addition encumbrances, the Town of Paris' MSAD17 assessment will be \$4,316,381.86 over last years \$3,513,874. That is a total increase of \$802,507.86.

To put this increase in perspective, the current (FY24) Mil Rate in Paris is 16.10. The value of a "mil" is \$423,340. The total proposed MSAD17 increase is the equivalent of 1.90 mils. This increase in MSAD17 alone increases Paris' mil rate from \$16.10/\$1000 to \$18.00/\$1000

**Given the unprecedented increase proposed by this year's MSAD17 budget, the Paris Board of Selectmen voted to "not support" the MSAD17 budget. The Selectmen recommend Paris voters also consider "not supporting" the proposed MSAD17 budget by voting "NO" on June 11th.**

To be clear, the Board of Selectmen support the functions of MSAD17 and recognize the importance of delivering a quality education. Voting to "not support" the MSAD17 budget is not a statement against MSAD17. This vote is against the unprecedented MSAD17 budget increase. The Board of Selectmen simply ask that MSAD17 produce a more realistic, fiscally responsible and transparent budget.

What happens if the MSAD17 budget is voted down? In the event the MSAD17 budget does not pass prior to July 1st, simply put, MSAD17 will continue to operate using last years approved budget until a final budget is approved. For reference see State of Maine Title 20-A, §1487: "Failure to Pass Budget":

[www.legislature.maine.gov/statutes/20-A/title20-Asec1487.html](http://www.legislature.maine.gov/statutes/20-A/title20-Asec1487.html)

On behalf of the Paris Board of Selectmen, thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,  
Natalie Andrews  
Town Manager