

Article 17

5-4 recommends approval of article 17

The committee

- Unanimous support of getting more students on school buses and reducing automobile transportation.
- Concerns include:
 - funding outside the school budget
 - potential for increased costs if more buses are needed
 - desire to see the effects of reduced costs on Estabrook riders
- Concerns are mitigated
 - The School/Municipal Allocation split remains close when recent adjustments to the budget are taken together :
 - One-time transfer for Kindergarten, Estabrook Budget, And Article 17
 - Increased allocation of 400K for municipal capital article 12c “Street Improvements”
 - The additional buses to support Estabrook riders will be available for the middle school and high school runs reducing the risk of needing additional buses due to increased demand.
 - The Estabrook fee reduction is not a true experiment for the effects of fee reduction - results will be muddy due to additional motivation from construction

By a vote of 5-4 the committee recommends approval of this motion