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Shaker Regional School District has proposals to switch to SB 2, raze Gale School

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The Shaker Regional School Board will present a warrant that includes articles for a \$21,739,870 operational budget, a move to SB 2 town voting, approval of a collective bargaining agreement and \$71,000 to raze the Gale School.

SAU 80 includes Canterbury Elementary School and Belmont elementary, middle and high schools.

Voters will be presented with a \$60,334, or 0.28 percent, operational budget increase from 2015-16. It's estimated to require a total \$13,358,677 assessment across both towns, \$9.52 million for Belmont and \$3.84 million for Canterbury. This would represent 7.33 and 3.03 percent local tax rate increases per \$1,000 of assessed property value, respectively.

The most significant items increasing next year's proposed budget include an additional \$202,000 in special education tuition, \$50,000 more for support services, \$107,000 in repair, maintenance and lease costs for computer assisted instruction services, and a total of \$281,219 in salary and benefits for new staff.

The most noticeable reduction in the proposed budget for 2016-17 is a \$166,524 decrease in transportation costs due to the implementation of new bus routes.

Aside from the budget, Canterbury and Belmont residents will have to decide whether they want their school district will adopt SB 2 provisions. If this petition warrant article is approved, all future items on the warrant will be voted on by ballot.

