

June 9, 2023

Statement of the Vote Yes for Marblehead Committee

“The priority of the Vote Yes for Marblehead Committee is solely to help inform voters of the impact the override will have on the towns ability to deliver necessary services.

“Without passage of the override, **33 Positions as well as Programs in Marblehead Public Schools will not be restored**, including:

- Veterans Middle School will **not have a librarian**
- Village School have **2 fewer classroom teachers**, increasing class/team size by as much as 5 students each
- Marblehead High School will have **2 fewer science teachers and 1 less math teacher**, driving up class size and overburdening faculty
- There will **not be any freshman athletic teams**, impacting 9 teams and as many as 149 student-athletes

“In addition to the reductions in our schools, we will see significant reductions to Public Safety and other town services, including:

- **3 Firefighter positions will not be restored.** Marblehead is already below recommended staffing levels for a town of our size.
- **2 Police Patrol Positions will not be restored.** Marblehead already has the lowest per capita staffing in Essex County.
- The **Highway Department** would not restore a heavy equipment operator, **further slowing and limiting** the Department’s ability to improve and maintain our town’s critical infrastructure.

“We are focused exclusively on the June 20th election and getting the override passed. We often hear community members say how much they love our town, so let’s come out and vote like we mean it!”