

STATE OF MAINE  
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 29  
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT REFERENDUM  
OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE TOWN OF HOULTON  
JUNE 9, 2026

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Chair of the School Board

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:**

Vote "yes" or "no" by making a cross (X) or check mark (✓) in the square of your choice at the left of the question.

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Yes

No

Question 1: Do you favor authorizing the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 29 (the "RSU") to issue bonds and other evidences of indebtedness in the name of the RSU in an amount not to exceed **\$1,949,453** through the State of Maine's zero interest rate/loan forgiveness School Revolving Renovation Fund ("SRRF") Program to fund Priority 1 Health, Safety, and Compliance repairs to address hazardous materials at Houlton Middle High School and Houlton Elementary School and to make insulation improvements to Houlton Southside School (collectively, the "Project")?

- A. Zero Interest/Loan Forgiveness Program: The Maine Department of Education has awarded the RSU a total approved loan of **\$1,949,453** for the Project through the State's zero interest rate/loan forgiveness SRRF Program.
- B. Loan Principal Forgiveness: Under this SRRF program, the Maine Municipal Bond Bank will give the RSU loan forgiveness of 70% of the loan principal (up to an estimated **\$1,364,617**).
- C. Interest Free Loan: Under this SRRF program, the RSU will be obligated to repay only 30% (up to an estimated **\$584,836**) of the RSU's total approved loan amount. Repayment is to occur over ten (10) years. The loan interest rate will be 0%.