



Town of Arlington

Ballot Questions Explanations

A. *Debt Exclusion*

“Shall the Town of Arlington be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two and-one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond or bonds issued for the purposes of paying costs of a project to demolish, design, construct, reconstruct, remodel, add to, and originally equip the Arlington High School, including replacing the existing facility located at 869 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington MA, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?”

YES __ NO __”

Explanation: If approved by Arlington voters, the Debt Exclusion question would increase property taxes to pay debt service on bonds sold to pay for a new Arlington High School. The estimated total cost of the project is \$290,851,820, of which it is estimated that the Massachusetts School Building Authority will pay \$86,019,645 and the Town of Arlington will pay \$204,832,175. The tax increase will remain in effect until the bonds are fully paid.

B. *Proposition 2 ½ Override*

“Shall the Town of Arlington be allowed to assess an additional \$5,500,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the operating budgets of the Town and the Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July first, 2019?”

YES __ NO __”

Explanation: If approved by Arlington voters, the Proposition 2 ½ Override would permanently increase property taxes by \$5,500,000 to pay the operating costs of the Town and School departments.