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Municipal contracts are typically authorized for three years, with some exceptions, unless further authorization is provided by Town Meeting.

This article will extend the contract terms for curriculum materials and buses leases to five-year terms, subject to School Committee approval, and obviates the requirement for an annual Town Meeting vote.



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This article will enable the district take advantage of price discounts that are typically offered by curriculum providers for contracts beyond three years.

Bus leases are typically financed over a five-year period, and this article will enable the district to maintain that practice without separate annual articles at each Town Meeting.



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