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Voting, funding public education, and commemorating women's suffrage this month.

If you have concerns about the spread of Covid 19 and have not yet cast your **absentee ballot**, now is the time to get an absentee ballot application from your own town clerk. Fill it out, send it to your own town clerk. When you get your actual ballot from the town clerk, fill it out, sign the "disability" reason on the inner envelope, and return it to your town clerk. Don't wait to mail it. Do it now or return it in person to the town clerk. Okay, I'm done nagging....

If you are on Facebook, we encourage you to "follow" our state <u>League of</u> <u>Women Voters NH</u> FB page for the latest updates and news about voting. Share with your own networks.

School Funding Commission Continues Research -- The Commission to Study School Funding, an 18-member body of lawmakers and community members, is entering their next phase of work. Since January, the group has met with state officials, school funding and finance experts, and others in a deep-dive of everything public education, and how the state might equitably fund the state's schools. As we move into the fall, the Commission will shift into taking that research and begin to form recommendations for lawmakers in 2021.

Today (Monday, Aug. 10) the special commission to study school funding of

public education in NH makes its preliminary report. Final report is due in December. The League of Women Voters NH board has authorized distributing the petition below to anyone who wants to sign it (and forward to friends to sign) if you believe that public funding of education needs reform in NH. Read the petition here and sign and send electronically. <u>https://fairfundingnh.org/petition/</u> ***

On August 18 we celebrate the ratification of the **19th amendment securing women's right to vote**. One hundred years ago Tennessee became the 36th state to ratify, and on August 26, 1920, the 19th amendment became federal law. Visit <u>NHWomenVote100.org</u> to find commemorative events (most online) and some stories about the suffrage movement.

Last Saturday League members and friends dressed in suffrage sashes to march in the Keene Granny D walk. And on August 26, residents of Kendal in Hanover will wear suffrage sashes in a local demonstration along Rte 10.

