

**APPOQUINIMINK SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF ADDITIONAL TAXES**

A Special Election will be held on February 28th, 2013, in the Appoquinimink School District in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 19, Title 14 of the Delaware Code, in order to permit the voters of the district to vote either for or against the following:

AUTHORITY TO LEVY ADDITIONAL TAXES FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

Part I: Restore Operating Funds and Protect the Learning Environment

The levy and collection of:

An additional 24.0 cents per \$100 of assessed value effective July 1, 2013 (to raise an additional \$4.47 million),

An additional 4.0 cents (for a total of an additional 28.0 cents) per \$100 of assessed value effective July 1, 2014 (to raise an additional \$830,000),

An additional 4.0 cents (for a total of an additional 32.0 cents) per \$100 of assessed value effective July 1, 2015 (to raise an additional \$850,000), and

An additional 3.0 cents (for a total of an additional 35.0 cents) per \$100 of assessed value effective July 1, 2016 and thereafter (to raise an additional \$680,000).

Income from the levy will be used for current operating expenses to support schools in the district, including:

- Continuing ongoing academic and extra-curricular programs
- Maintaining programs and services affected by state funding cuts such as transportation, school staffing, and student support services in order to provide a safe, sound, and effective learning environment
- Restoring previous reductions in textbook, technology and maintenance funding

Additionally, \$305,450 per year in previously authorized Talent Development funding will be redirected to general instructional needs.

For the average homeowner, the approximate annual increase over the current rate for the first year is an additional \$210. For the second year the increase is an additional \$35 (to \$245), for the third year is an additional \$35 (to \$280), and for the fourth year is an additional \$26 (to a total of \$306) which continues thereafter. The average house in the district is valued at \$285,500 and assessed at \$87,500.

Part II: Middle School Sports

The levy and collection of an additional 2.13 cents per \$100 of assessed value effective July 1, 2013 and thereafter (to raise an estimated \$400,000 in operating funds for this purpose). Current expense income from the levy will be used to create a competitive middle school sports program using available facilities. Part II is contingent upon passage of Part I above; additional tax to implement middle school sports will only be levied if Part I is also approved by voters.

For the average homeowner, the annual increase in the first year for Part II is approximately \$19 (in addition to Part I) and continues thereafter. The average house in the district is valued at \$285,500 and assessed at \$87,500.

The polls for the Special Election will be open February 28th, 2013, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 8 P.M. in the locations listed below. Voters may vote in any of the designated polling places within the school district. All voting locations are handicapped accessible.

Alfred G. Waters Middle School
1235 Cedar Lane Rd., Middletown

Carvel State Office Building
820 N. French St., Wilmington

Middletown High School
120 Silver Lake Rd., Middletown

Redding Middle School
201 New St., Middletown

Brick Mill Elementary School
378 Brick Mill Rd., Middletown

Marion E. Proffitt Training Ctr.
118 S. Sixth St., Odessa

Old State Elementary School
580 Tony Marchio Dr., Townsend

Silver Lake Elementary School
200 E. Cochran St., Middletown

Bunker Hill Elementary School
1070 Bunker Hill Rd., Middletown

Meredith Middle School
504 S. Broad St., Middletown

Olive B. Loss Elementary School
200 Brennan Blvd., Bear

Townsend Early Childhood Ctr.
6 Brook Bramble Lane, Townsend

QUALIFICATIONS TO VOTE

- Must be a citizen of the United States and Delaware
- Must be a resident of the Appoquinimink School District
- Must be 18 years of age or older
- You do NOT have to be a registered voter

ABSENTEE BALLOT

You may vote by absentee ballot if you cannot vote on Election Day for one of the following reasons:

- You are temporarily or permanently disabled;
- You are serving the U.S. or the State of Delaware;
- You are the spouse or a dependent living with a person serving the U.S. or the State of Delaware;
- You hold a job that does not permit you to go to the polls;
- You are sick;
- Your religion does not permit you to go to the polls;
- You are incarcerated but otherwise eligible to vote;
- You are away on vacation;
- You are the caregiver to a parent, spouse or that person's child who is living at home and requires constant care due to illness or injury;
- You are temporarily living outside of the U.S.;
- You cannot go to the polls because you've been injured while serving in the Armed Forces; or
- You serve in the Armed Forces, Red Cross, U.S.O. or the Merchant Marine.

To vote by absentee ballot:

- Contact the Department of Elections for New Castle County, 820 N French St, Ste 400, Wilmington DE 19801. Phone: 302-577-3464, or <http://electionsncc.delaware.gov> to request an *Affidavit for Absentee Ballot for Public School Elections*
- Complete the affidavit and submit it to the Department of Elections for New Castle County.

Important Dates:

- Vote in person at the NCC Department of Elections, Mon-Fri from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. until February 27, 2013 at noon.
- Return your affidavit to the NCC Department of Elections by noon, Friday, February 22, 2013 if you want a ballot mailed to you.
- **Return your ballot no later than 8 p.m. on February 28, 2013 to the Department of Elections for New Castle County.**

PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION AND ADDRESS

Persons appearing to vote must present satisfactory proof of identity and address to the Election Officers at the Polling Place before being permitted to vote. Persons who do not present satisfactory proof of identity and address, may – upon majority vote of the Inspector and the two Judges – be permitted to vote.

By order of the APPOQUINIMINK SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Julie Johnson, President

Matthew Burrows, Executive Secretary and Superintendent

Posted in accordance with Delaware Code, Title 14. Do not remove until March 1st, 2013.