

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

A Special Election will be held on May 9th, 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

The levy and collection of an additional 15.0 cents per \$100 of assessed value effective July 1, 2013 (to raise an additional \$2.79 million) and continuing thereafter.

Income from the levy will be used for current operating expenses to:

- Continue ongoing academic and extra-curricular programs
- Maintain 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
- Restore previous reductions in textbook, technology and maintenance funding
- Reopen Townsend Elementary School and the Appoquinimink Early Childhood Center (as a pre-K center) for the 2014-2015 school year

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

For the average homeowner, the approximate increase over the current rate for the first year is an additional \$131. For the second year and thereafter there will be no more additional increases in the current operation rate. 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 May 9th, 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 May 8th, 2013 at noon.
- Return your affidavit to the NCC Department of Elections by noon, Friday, May 3rd, 2013 if you want a ballot mailed to you.
- **Return your ballot no later than 8 p.m. on May 9th, 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 May 10th, 2013.