

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

A Special Election will be held on December 20th, 2016, in the Appoquinimink School District (ASD) in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 19 and 21, 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

ASD proposes to levy and collect an additional 15.0 cents in local school taxes for current operating expenses as set forth below (approximately \$3.09 million) per \$100 of assessed value effective July 1, 2017 and thereafter on all assessed taxable real estate in ASD. The estimated increase for an average assessed home in ASD is \$133.

This funding will be used for:

- Enhancement and replacement of instructional technology
- Staff retention and recruitment
- Operating expenses associated with enrollment growth including, but not limited to, the local portion of staff salaries; the cost of instructional materials, textbooks, software and supplies; custodial supplies; transportation costs; technology support; facility maintenance; insurance; legal services; administrative supplies; postage; furniture; and athletic equipment and supplies.

AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS

ASD proposes to issue 20-year bonds in the amount of \$67,080,928 for Major Capital Improvements. The faith and credit of ASD is pledged for the full and complete payment of the principal and interest on said bonds. The estimated tax increases for debt service (which includes both interest and principal) on these bonds is estimated at 1.65 cents per \$100 of assessed value effective July 1, 2017, then an additional 6.89 cents per \$100 of assessed value effective July 1, 2018 (for a total of 8.54 cents per \$100 assessed value above the current debt service rate), decreasing in subsequent years, on all assessed taxable real estate in ASD. If authorized, ASD shall levy and collect these taxes to provide for the payment of interest and principal on the bonds and the retirement of the bonds as they fall due. The estimated maximum increase for an average assessed home in ASD is \$76.

The bonds represent 25% (ASD's share) of the total cost of \$268,323,712 to:

- **Construct a New High School and Middle School** – Planning, construction and equipment for the construction of a new 1,600 student capacity high school and a 1,000 student capacity middle school to address enrollment growth and capacity issues.
- **Construct a New Elementary School** – Planning, construction and equipment for the construction of a new 840 student capacity elementary school to address enrollment growth and capacity issues.
- **Reconstruct Everett Meredith Middle School** – Planning, construction and equipment for the replacement of Everett Meredith Middle School with a 1,000 student capacity facility and demolition of the current middle school.
- **Renovate and Expand Silver Lake Elementary School** – Planning, construction and equipment for the renovation including, but not limited to, life safety, accessibility issues, security upgrades, building envelope, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire, and exterior and interior construction along with additional square footage needed to alleviate capacity issues.

The polls for the Special Election will be open Tuesday, December 20th, 2016, 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

New Castle Conservation Center
2430 Old County Rd., Newark

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

Appoquinimink Activity Center
651 N. Broad St., Middletown

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

Old State Elementary School
580 Tony Marchio Dr., Townsend

Townsend Early Childhood Ctr.
10 Brook Ramble Lane, Townsend

Brick Mill Elementary School
378 Brick Mill Rd., Middletown

Meredith Middle School
504 S. Broad St., Middletown

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

Townsend Fire Hall
107 Main St., Townsend

Bunker Hill Elementary School
1070 Bunker Hill Rd., Middletown

Middletown High School
120 Silver Lake Rd., Middletown

Redding Middle School
201 New St., Middletown

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 for purposes of a general election

ABSENTEE BALLOT

You may vote by absentee ballot if you cannot vote at a polling place on the day of election 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 or accompanying a person serving the U.S. or the State of Delaware;
- The nature of your job or occupation does not permit you to go to the polls;
- You are sick;
- The tenets or teachings of your religion prevent you from voting on the days or times set for the election;
- 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 of illness or injury received while serving in the Armed Forces;
- You serve in the Armed Forces, Red Cross, U.S.O. or the Merchant Marine; or
- You are authorized pursuant to the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, or any other federal law, to vote by absentee ballot.

To vote by absentee ballot:

- Download an Absentee Affidavit from the Department of Elections, New Castle County Office at <http://electionsncc.delaware.gov>; or request one by email at absentee@state.de.us; or by phone at 302-577-3464.
- Complete the affidavit and return it to the Department of Elections, New Castle County Office, either by email at absentee@state.de.us; FAX to 302-577-6545; or by US Mail to 820 N. French St., Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19801 no later than noon, Friday, December 16th, 2016, if you want a ballot mailed to you.

Important Dates:

- Vote in person at the Department of Elections, New Castle County Office, Mon-Fri from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Monday, December 19th, 2016 at noon.
- **Return your ballot no later than 8 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20th, 2016 to the Department of Elections, New Castle County Office.**

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

Richard Forsten, Esq., President

Matthew Burrows, Executive Secretary and Superintendent

Posted in accordance with Delaware Code, Title 14. Do not remove until December 21st, 2016.