

# NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

TO AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT TO ISSUE BONDS TO FUND SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF  
ADDITIONAL TAXES FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

## AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS TO FUND SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

A special election to be held on January 26, 2006 in the Christina School District in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 21 of Title 14 of the Delaware Code, enables the voters of the District to vote for or against the issue of bonds in the amount of \$112,449,600, including bonds to cover the District's share of the cost of school construction. In order to access approximately \$98,948,000 in State funds available for school construction the voters of the District must pass a referendum approving the local share of such cost. The issue of bonds will provide funds for the following purposes:

Funds for construction/renovation of the following schools:

Christina High School	\$ 7,008,000	Bancroft Middle School	\$ 3,844,000
Glasgow High School	\$ 8,792,000	Gauger-Cobbs Middle	\$ 4,392,000
Newark High School	\$ 10,308,000	Kirk Middle School	\$ 5,040,000
NETworks School	\$ 3,120,000	Shue Middle School	\$ 6,922,000

Funds to expand middle school to 1200 seats: New Middle School (Route 896 location): \$ 3,376,000

Funds to adjust for formula changes: New Middle School (Route 896 location): \$ 5,820,000

Additional local funds for school furniture, computer equipment, telecommunications, land development and construction support: New Middle School (Route 896 location): \$ 2,000,000

Full Day Kindergarten Funds: New Elementary School (Porter Road location): \$ 1,840,000

Funds to adjust for formula changes: New Elementary School (Porter Road location): \$ 3,080,000

Additional local funds for school furniture, computer equipment, telecommunications, land development and construction support: New Elementary School (Porter Road location): \$ 2,000,000

Funds to acquire land and construct a Second New Elementary School: \$ 8,252,000

Additional local funds to acquire land for a Second New Elementary School: \$ 2,250,000

Additional local funds for school furniture, computer equipment, telecommunications, land development and construction support: A Second New Elementary School: \$ 3,000,000

Funds to construct a parking facility: Newark High School Parking Facility: \$12,180,000

Funds to acquire land and construct a school bus dispatch and maintenance center: \$14,264,000

Funds to offset construction inflation costs for those projects identified in Group 3 in the 2002 bond referendum:

Christiana High School	\$ 840,000	Maclary Elementary School	\$ 704,000
Downes Elementary School	\$ 771,600	Wilson Elementary School	\$ 756,000

Funds for the use of modular classrooms during construction/renovation: Modular classrooms six schools: \$ 1,890,000

**TOTAL \$112,449,600**

The bond issue in the amount of \$112,449,600 recommended by the Christina Board includes \$46,484,000 of costs in excess of the costs determined by the Department of Education standard school construction formula. If the voters approve a bond issue, but vote for a bond issue in the amount determined by the standard school construction formula, the bond issue will be in the amount of \$65,965,600.

If the District is authorized to issue bonds in the amount of \$112,449,600, the District shall levy and collect additional taxes to provide for the payment of interest on the bonds and for the retirement of the bonds as they fall due. The cost of the bonds will adjust to market rates. In today's market, the amortization of bonds over a 20-year term, in the amount of \$112,449,600, as recommended by the Christina Board, would cost approximately 8.10 cents per hundred dollars of all assessed taxable real estate in the District. In today's market, the amortization of bonds over a 20-year term, in the amount of \$65,965,600 as determined from the standard formula by the Department of Education would cost approximately 3.27 cents per hundred dollars of all assessed taxable real estate in the District. Based on a historical perspective, it is expected that market rates will fluctuate and the cost could increase.

## LEVY OF ADDITIONAL TAXES FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

The special election to be held on January 26, 2006 in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 19 of Title 14 of the Delaware Code, enables District voters to vote for or against the levy and collection of up to an additional 17 cents per \$100 of all assessed taxable real estate effective July 1, 2006. This increase includes the 10 percent for delinquencies and costs of collection as required by law. Income from the levy shall be used to fund increased operating expenses associated with: (1) employee health care and other employee-related costs, (2) energy, and (3) operation and maintenance of the District's programs.

## VOTER INFORMATION

The polls for the special election shall be open on January 26, 2006 between the hours of 12 Noon Eastern Standard Time and 9 p.m. Eastern Standard Time in the following locations:

Bancroft Academy	Eden Support Service Center	Keene Elementary School	Quaker Hill Place Apartments
Bayard Elementary School	Elbert-Palmer Elementary School	Kirk Middle School	Shue-Medill Middle School
Brader Elementary School	Gallaher Elementary School	Maclary Elementary School	West Park Place Elementary School
Brookside Elementary School	Gauger-Cobbs Middle School	Marshall Elementary School	Wilson Elementary School
Christiana High School	Glasgow High School	McVey Elementary School	
Downes Elementary School	Jones Elementary School	Newark High School	

Any individual qualified to vote in this election may vote by absentee ballot if the voter is unable to appear at a polling place on January 26, 2006, for any of the following reasons: (1) Temporary or permanent physical disability, (2) Public service for the U.S. or the State of Delaware, (3) Spouse or dependent of, and residing with or accompanying, a person in public service of the U.S. or the State of Delaware, (4) Engaged in a business or occupation precluding appearance at a polling place, (5) Sickness, (6) The tenets or teaching of the voter's religion, (7) Incarceration, (8) Absent from the District while on vacation, (9) Temporarily residing outside of the U.S. and the District of Columbia, (10) Illness or injury received while serving in the Armed Forces of the U.S., or (11) A member of the U. S. Armed Forces, American Red Cross, U.S.A., or the U.S. Merchant Marine. Any qualified person may request that an absentee ballot be issued to them by submitting a properly completed *Affidavit for Absentee Ballot for Public School Elections* to the Department of Elections for New Castle County not later than 12 Noon, local time, on January 25, 2006. If the voter instructs the Department of Elections to mail the ballot to the voter, the affidavit must be received by the Department of Elections no later than 12 Noon on January 20, 2006. All absentee ballots must be returned to the offices of the Department of Elections for New Castle County not later than 9 p.m., local time, on January 26, 2006.

All citizens of the United States and the State of Delaware who reside in the Christina School District and who are 18 years of age or older are eligible to vote. Registration to vote in a general election is not required in order to be eligible to vote in this election.

Contact Mr. Jeff Edmison, Assistant Superintendent, at 552-2600 with any questions you may have.

By Order of the Christina Board of Education

Ms. Brenda Phillips, President

Dr. David Sundstrom, Acting Executive Secretary to the Christina Board of Education