

CHRISTINA SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF ADDITIONAL TAXES

A special election will be held on May 25, 2010, in the Christina School District in accordance with Delaware Code, Title 14, Chapter 19 to permit the voters of the district to vote for or against increasing current operating expense taxes. The rates would increase as follows:

- An additional 20 cents to \$1.27 per \$100 of assessed value to raise an additional \$10.85 million effective July 1, 2010 for the 2010-2011 school year,
- An additional 8 cents to \$1.35 per \$100 of assessed value for a total of 28 cents to raise a total of \$15.18 million effective July 1, 2011 for the 2011-2012 school year, and
- An additional 7 cents to \$1.42 per \$100 of assessed value for a total of 35 cents to raise a total of \$18.96 million effective July 1, 2012 for the 2012-2013 school year, and continuing into the future.

AUTHORITY TO LEVY ADDITIONAL TAXES FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

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

- Increased operating costs including:
 - Student Support Services, School Instructional Budgets, Energy, Transportation, Personnel
- Instructional Materials, Technology, and Textbooks
- Staffing for schools in accordance with the new State staffing model including:
 - Additional Teaching Units, Complete transition to District-wide Full Day Kindergarten, Support for Special Education

For the average homeowner in the district with an assessed value of \$ 63,644, the increase in the first year is \$127.29, an additional increase of \$50.92 to a total of \$178.21 in 2011, and an increase of an additional \$44.55 to a total \$222.76 in 2012 and continuing into the future.

VOTER INFORMATION

The polls for the special election shall be open on May 25, 2010 between the hours of 10 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time and 8 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time in the following locations:

Bancroft Academy 700 N. Lombard St Wilmington	Keene School 200 LaGrange Ave Newark
Bayard Elementary 200 S DuPont St. Wilmington	Kirk School 140 Brennen Dr. Newark
Brader School 107 Four Seasons Parkway Newark	Leasure School 1015 Church Rd Newark
Brookside School 800 Marrows Road Newark	Maclary School 300 St Regis Dr Newark
Carvel State Office Building 820 N French Wilmington	Marshall School 101 Barrett Run Newark
Christiana High School 190 Salem Church Rd Newark	McVey School 908 Janice Dr Newark
Downes School 220 Casho Mill Rd Newark	Newark High School 750 E. Delaware Ave Newark
Elbert – Palmer School 1210 Lobdell St Wilmington	Quaker Hill Place Apts 200 N. Washington St Wilmington
Gallaher School 800 Brownleaf Rd Newark	Shue-Medill School 1500 Capitol Trail Newark
Gauger-Cobbs 50 Gender Rd Newark	West Park Place School 193 West Park Place Newark
Glasgow High School 1901 S College Newark	Wilson School 14 Forge Rd Newark
Jones School 35 W. Main St Christiana	

All locations are handicapped accessible.

QUALIFICATIONS TO VOTE

- Must be a citizen of the United States and the State of Delaware
- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Must be a resident of the Christina School District
- 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;
- 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 the affidavit to the Department of Elections for New Castle County.

Important Dates:

- Return your affidavit by noon, Friday, May 21, 2010 if you want a ballot mailed to you.
- Vote in our office Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Monday, May 24, 2010 at Noon.
- **Return your voted ballot by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 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.

Contact Christina School District at 552-2670 with any questions you may have.

By order of the CHRISTINA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
George Evans, Esq., President
Marcia V. Lyles, Ed.D., Executive Secretary and Superintendent

Posted in accordance with Delaware Code, Title 14. Do not remove until May 26, 2010.