

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

A special election will be held on February 24, 2015, in the Christina School District in accordance with Delaware Code, Title 14, Chapter 19 to permit the voters of the District vote for or against additional taxes to fund current operating expenses, and to vote for or against additional taxes to fund strategic initiatives.

AUTHORITY TO LEVY ADDITIONAL TAXES TO FUND CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES

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

- Continuance and maintenance of on-going academic and extra-curricular programs
- Maintain programs and services affected by state funding cuts such as transportation and student support services to provide safe and effective learning environment
- Support increasing Charter School enrollment
- Support increasing general operating expenses

If voters approve the additional taxes to fund current operating expenses, the current expense tax rate will be as follows:

- An additional 40 cents to \$1.82 per \$100 of assessed value to raise an additional \$21.95 million effective July 1, 2015;
- An additional 20 cents to \$2.02 per \$100 of assessed value to raise a total of \$10.97 million effective July 1, 2016; and
- An additional 5 cents to \$2.07 per \$100 of assessed value to raise a total of \$2.74 million effective July 1, 2017.

For the average homeowner in the District with an assessed value of \$60,000, the increase in the first year is \$240, an additional increase of \$120 to a total of \$360 in 2016, and an increase of an additional \$30 to a total \$390 in 2017 and continuing into the future.

AUTHORITY TO LEVY ADDITIONAL TAXES FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES TO FUND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Income from the levy will be used to fund the following strategic initiatives:

- Support academic excellence in the 21st century
- Expand enrichment opportunities for students
- Expand early childhood opportunities
- Increase funding for the Arts

If voters approve the tax increases to fund current operating expenses, and approve the tax increases to fund the strategic initiatives, the current expense tax rate will be as follows:

- An additional 50 (40+10) cents to \$1.92 per \$100 of assessed value to raise an additional \$27.62 million effective July 1, 2015;
- An additional 36 (20+16) cents to \$2.28 per \$100 of assessed value to raise an additional \$19.59 million effective July 1, 2016;
- An additional 16 (5+11) cents to \$2.44 per \$100 of assessed value to raise a total of \$8.74 Million effective July 1, 2017; and
- An additional 3 (0+3) cents to \$2.47 per \$100 of assessed value to raise a total of \$1.86 Million effective July 1, 2018.

For the average homeowner in the District with an assessed value of \$60,000, the increase in the first year is \$300, an additional increase of \$216 to a total of \$516 in 2016, an additional increase of \$96 to a total of \$612 in 2017 and an additional increase of \$18 to a total of \$630 in 2018 and continuing into the future.

VOTER INFORMATION

The polls for the special election shall be open on February 24, 2015 between the hours of 10 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time and 8 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time in the following locations:

Bancroft Elementary School 700 N. Lombard St Wilmington	Gallaher Elementary School 800 Brownleaf Rd Newark	Marshall Elementary School 101 Barrett Run Newark
Bayard Middle School 200 S DuPont St. Wilmington	Gauger-Cobbs Middle School 50 Gender Rd Newark	McVey Elementary School 908 Janice Dr Newark
Brader Elementary School 107 Four Seasons Parkway Newark	Glasgow High School 1901 S College Newark	Newark High School 750 E. Delaware Ave Newark
Brookside Elementary School 800 Marrows Road Newark	Jones Elementary School 35 W. Main St Christiana	Oberle Elementary School 500 Caledonia Way Bear
Carvel State Office Building 820 N French Wilmington	Keene Elementary School 200 LaGrange Ave Newark	Quaker Hill Place Apts 200 N. Washington St Wilmington
Christiana High School 190 Salem Church Rd Newark	Kirk Middle School 140 Brennen Dr. Newark	Shue-Mediill Middle School 1500 Capitol Trail Newark
Downes Elementary School 220 Casho Mill Rd Newark	Leasure Elementary School 1015 Church Rd Newark	West Park Place School 193 West Park Place Newark
Elbert – Palmer School 1210 Lobbell St Wilmington	Maclary Elementary School 300 St Regis Dr Newark	Wilson Elementary School 14 Forge Rd Newark

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:

- Complete an *Affidavit for Absentee Ballot for Public School Elections*; and
- Submit the affidavit to the Department of Elections for New Castle County 820 N. French Street, Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19801

Important Dates:

- Return your affidavit by noon, Friday, February 20, 2015 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, February 23, 2015 at Noon.
- **Return your voted ballot by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 to the Department of Elections for New Castle County 820 N. French Street, Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19801**

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

Fred Polaski, Acting President

Freeman L. Williams, Ed.D., Executive Secretary and Superintendent

Posted in accordance with Delaware Code, Title 14. Do not remove until February 25, 2015.