

# CHRISTINA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

### TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF ADDITIONAL TAXES

A special election will be held on May 27, 2015, 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 additional taxes to fund current operating expenses.

#### 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 to:

- **Address increasing general operating expenses**
- **Support academic programs, extracurricular activities, and services for students**
- **Maintain support levels for students attending traditional public schools and charter schools**

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

- An additional 28 cents to \$1.70 per \$100 of assessed value to raise an additional \$ 15.36 million effective July 1, 2015;
- An additional 5 cents to \$1.75 per \$100 of assessed value to raise an additional \$ 2.74 million effective July 1, 2016; and
- An additional 4 cents to \$1.79 per \$100 of assessed value to raise an additional \$ 2.19 million effective July 1, 2017.

For the average homeowner in the District with an assessed value of \$64,100, the increase in the first year is \$179.48, an additional increase of \$32.05 in 2016 to a total of \$211.53, and an increase of an additional \$25.64 to a total \$237.17 in 2017 and continuing into the future.

#### VOTER INFORMATION

The polls for the special election shall be open on **May 27, 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	Keene Elementary School, 200 LaGrange Ave, Newark
Bayard Middle School, 200 S DuPont St, Wilmington	Kirk Middle School, 140 Brennen Dr, Newark
Bear Library, 101 Governor's Plaza, Bear	Leasure Elementary School, 1015 Church Rd, Newark
Brader Elementary School, 350 Four Seasons Pky, Newark	Maclary Elementary School, 300 St Regis Dr, Newark
Brookside Elementary School, 800 Marrows Rd, Newark	Marshall Elementary School, 101 Barrett Run Rd, Newark
Carvel State Office Building, 820 N French St, Wilmington	McVey Elementary School, 908 Janice Dr, Newark
Christiana High School, 190 Salem Church Rd, Newark	Newark High School, 750 E Delaware Ave, Newark
Downes Elementary School, 220 Casho Mill Rd, Newark	Oberle Elementary School, 500 Caledonia Way, Bear
Elbert – Palmer Elementary School, 1210 Lobdell St, Wilmington	Pulaski Elementary, 1300 Cedar St, Wilmington
First Presbyterian Church, 292 W Main St, Newark	Quaker Hill Place Apts, 200 N Washington St, Wilmington
Gallaher Elementary School, 800 Brownleaf Rd, Newark	Shue-Medill Middle School, 1500 Capitol Trail, Newark
Gauger-Cobbs Middle School, 50 Gender Rd, Newark	Stubbs Elementary, 1100 N Pine St, Wilmington
Glasgow High School, 1901 S College Ave, Newark	West Park Place Elementary School, 193 W Park Pl, Newark
Jones Elementary School, 35 W Main St, Christiana	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 a resident of the Christina School District
- Must be 18 years of age or older
- NOTE: 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*. You may download an affidavit at <http://electionsncc.delaware.gov>; and
- Submit the affidavit to the Department of Elections for New Castle County by mail to 820 N. French Street, Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19801; by email to [absentee@state.de.us](mailto:absentee@state.de.us); or by FAX to 302-577-6545.

Important Dates:

- Return your affidavit by Noon, May 22, 2015 if you want a ballot mailed to you.
- Vote in the office of the Department of Elections for New Castle County at the above address Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. until May 22, 2015 or from 8:30 a.m. until Noon on May 26, 2015. Note that May 25 is a holiday and offices are closed.
- **Return your voted ballot by 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 to the Department of Elections for New Castle County, 820 N. French Street, Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19801**

Contact the Department of Elections for New Castle County at 302-577-3464 with any questions you may about Absentee or Election Day voting. Report any Election Day issues ON ELECTION DAY, to the Department at 302-577-3464.

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

Posted in accordance with Delaware Code, Title 14. Do not remove until May 28, 2015.