

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

A Special Election will be held on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in the Colonial School District in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 19, 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**

**Restore Operating Funds and To Prepare Students to be College and Career Ready**

The levy and collection of:

An additional 47.0 cents per \$100 of assessed value effective July 1, 2013 (to raise an additional \$12.9 million) and thereafter.

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

- Continuing ongoing academic and extra-curricular programs
- Maintaining programs and services affected by state funding cuts such as transportation, substitute teachers, and student support services in order to provide a safe, sound, and effective learning environment
- To support technology, expand Pre-K services and to support the implementation of common core standards

For the average homeowner, the approximate annual increase over the current rate for the year is an additional \$265. The average house in the district is assessed at \$56,300.

The polls for the Special Election will be open February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 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.

**POLLING LOCATIONS**

Carrie Downie Elementary School 1201 Delaware St., New Castle	Delaware City Library 250 Fifth St., Delaware City	McCullough Elementary School 20 Chase Ave., New Castle	Howard Weston Senior Center 1 Bassett Ave., New Castle
Carvel State Office Bldg. 820 N. French Street, Wilmington	Eisenberg Elementary School 27 Landers Ln, New Castle	Pleasantville Elementary School 16 Pleasant St., New Castle	Wilbur Elementary School 4050 Wrangle Hill Road, Bear
Castle Hills Elementary School 502 Moores Ln., New Castle	Kingswood Community Center 2300 Bowers St., Wilmington	Southern Elementary School 795 Cox Neck Road, New Castle	William Penn High School 713 E. Basin Rd., New Castle
Wilmington Manor Elementary School 200 E. Roosevelt Ave., New Castle			

**QUALIFICATIONS TO VOTE**

- Must be a citizen of the United States and Delaware
- Must be a resident of the Colonial School District
- Must be 18 years of age or older
- 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 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 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 Street, 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 it to the Department of Elections for New Castle County.

**Important Dates:**

- Vote in person at the NCC Department of Elections, Mon-Fri from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. until February 27, 2013 at noon.
- Return your affidavit to the NCC Department of Elections by noon, Friday, February 22, 2013 if you want a ballot mailed to you.
- **Return your ballot no later than 8 p.m. on February 28, 2013 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 identify and address, may – upon majority vote of the inspector and the two Judges – be permitted to vote.

By Order of the Colonial Board of Education

Joseph T. Laws, III, President  
Dorothy A. Linn, Ed.D., Executive Secretary and Superintendent

Posted in accordance with Delaware Code, Title 14. Do not remove until March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.