

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

A Special Election will be held on June 4, 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 35.0 cents per \$100 of assessed value effective July 1, 2013 (to raise an additional \$9.6 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 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 \$197. The average house in the district is assessed at \$56,300. This increase includes the 10 percent for delinquencies and costs of collection as required by law.

The polls for the Special Election will be open June 4, 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 St, Wilmington	Eisenberg Elementary School 27 Landers Ln, New Castle	Pleasantville Elementary School 16 Pleasant St., New Castle	Wilbur Elementary School 4050 Wrangle Hill Rd, Bear
Castle Hills Elementary School 502 Moores Ln., New Castle	Kingswood Community Center 2300 Bowers St., Wilmington	Southern Elementary School 795 Cox Neck Rd, 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 sick, temporarily or permanently physically disabled;
- You are in the public service of the U.S. or the State of Delaware;
- You are a qualified citizen or spouse or dependent residing with or accompanying a person who is in the service of the U.S. or the State of Delaware;
- The nature of your business or occupation;
- You are incarcerated;
- The tenets or teachings of your religion;
- You are absent from the district while on vacation;
- You are temporarily living outside of the U.S. and the District of Columbia;
- You have an illness or injury received while serving in the Armed Forces of the U.S.; or
- You are a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, American Red Cross, U.S.O. or the U.S. Merchant Marine.

To vote by absentee ballot:

By mail: Obtain, complete, sign and send an *Affidavit for Absentee Ballot for Public School Elections* to the Department of Elections for New Castle County, 820 N. French Street, Ste 400, Wilmington DE 19801.

- Download the affidavit at <http://electionsncc.delaware.gov>; or
- Phone: 302-577-3464 to request an affidavit be mailed to you, and
- Return it to the Department of Elections for New Castle County **by noon, Friday, May 31, 2013** if you want a ballot mailed to you.
- **Return your voted ballot no later than 8 p.m. on June 4, 2013 to the Department of Elections for New Castle County.**

In Person:

- Bring ID to the Department of Elections for New Castle County, Mon-Fri from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. **until June 3, 2013 at noon.**

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 June 5th, 2013.