

# BRANDYWINE SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF ADDITIONAL TAXES AND THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS

A Special Election will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2016, in the Brandywine School District in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 19 and 21, Title 14 of the Delaware Code, in order to permit the voters of the District to vote either for or against the levy of additional taxes and the issuance of bonds.

## AUTHORITY TO LEVY ADDITIONAL TAXES TO FUND CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES

- levy an additional 28.0 cents to \$1.371 per \$100 of assessed value in local school taxes for current operating expenses effective July 1, 2016 and thereafter. For the average homeowner with an assessed value of \$73,600 the annual increase is \$206. Funding is to support/continue programs such as, but not limited to, the following:
  - after school programs, athletics, AVID (College and Career Readiness), extracurricular activities for all students, full time gifted program, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math), orchestra (strings).
- levy an additional 5.0 cents per \$100 of assessed value in local school taxes for current operating expenses for three years effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019 to fund the installation of two turf fields at each of the three high schools in the Brandywine School District. For the average homeowner with an assessed value of \$73,600 the increase is \$37 per year for three years.

## AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS

- issue bonds in the amount of \$19,348,700 for Major Capital Improvements. Property taxes will not increase as a result of the sale as the district is retiring prior capital tax debt. The cost of the bonds is approximately 3.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value in the debt service rate per year for the life of the bonds. The bonds represent 39% of the total cost of \$49,611,900 for additions, renovations and demolition, which include:
  - additions and renovations at Carrcroft Elementary School, additions and renovations at Brandywine High School, additions and renovations at Claymont Elementary School, additions and renovations at Facilities and Maintenance building, and demolition of the Burnett building.

## QUALIFICATIONS TO VOTE

- Must be a citizen of the United States and Delaware
- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Must be a resident of the Brandywine School District
- You do NOT have to be a registered voter

## 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.

## WHERE TO VOTE:

The polls for the Special Election will be open Wednesday, March 23, 2016, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 8 P.M. in the following locations. All locations are handicapped accessible.

Boys and Girls Club, 500 Darley Road, Claymont	Concord High School, 2501 Ebright Road, Wilmington	Maple Lane Elementary School, 100 Maple Lane, Claymont
Brandywine High School, 1400 Foulk Road, Wilmington	Crestview Apartments, 2700 Market Street, Wilmington	Mount Pleasant Elementary School, 500 Duncan Road, Wilmington
Brandywine Hundred Fire Company, 1006 Brandywine Blvd, Wilmington	Forwood Elementary School, 1900 Westminster Drive	Mount Pleasant High School, 5201 Washington St. Ext., Wilmington
Brandywine Hundred Library, 1300 Foulk Road, Wilmington	Hanby Elementary School, 2523 Berwyn Road, Wilmington	P.S. duPont Middle School, 701 West 34 <sup>th</sup> Street, Wilmington
Brandywine Town Center Community Center, 4050 Brandywine Pkwy, Wilmington	Harlan Elementary School, 3601 Jefferson Street, Wilmington	Springer Middle School, 2220 Shipley Road, Wilmington
Carrcroft Elementary School, 503 Crest Road, Wilmington	Lancashire Elementary School, 2000 Naamans Road, Wilmington	Talley Middle School, 1110 Cypress Road, Wilmington
Carvel State Office Building, 820 N. French Street, Wilmington	Lombardy Elementary School, 412 Foulk Road, Wilmington	Urban Promise, 2401 Thatcher Street, Wilmington
Claymont Elementary School, 3401 Green Street, Claymont		

## ABSENTEE BALLOT

**You may vote by absentee ballot if you cannot vote at one of the polling places for a reason indicated on the absentee affidavit.**

### To vote by absentee ballot:

- Fill out an *Affidavit for Absentee Ballot for Public School Elections*. You can get it at [http://electionsncc.delaware.gov/Brandywine/2016/br\\_ref16\\_aff.pdf](http://electionsncc.delaware.gov/Brandywine/2016/br_ref16_aff.pdf)
- Submit the completed affidavit to the Department of Elections, New Castle County Office 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:

- DE Code says to return your affidavit to the Department of Elections by Noon, March 18, 2016 if you want a ballot mailed to you. However, we strongly recommend doing this at least two days earlier due to changes in the United States Post Office delivery standards.
- Vote at the Department of Elections, New Castle County office at the above address Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. until March 21, 2016 and from 8:30 a.m. until Noon on March 22, 2016.
- **Return your voted ballot by 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 to the Department of Elections, New Castle County Office, 820 N. French Street, Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19801.**

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

Contact Brandywine School District at 302-793-5000 with any questions you may have.

By order of the BRANDYWINE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
John Skrobot, President  
Mark Holodick, Ed.D., Executive Secretary and Superintendent

Posted in accordance with Delaware Code, Title 14. Do not remove until March 24th, 2016