

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

A Special Election will be held on February 28, 2017, in the Colonial School District (CSD) 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 following:

AUTHORITY TO LEVY ADDITIONAL TAXES FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

CSD proposes to levy and collect an additional 27 cents in local school taxes for current operating expenses as set forth below (approximately \$10,923,898) per \$100 of assessed value effective July 1, 2017, and an additional 11 cents per \$100 of assessed value beginning July 1, 2018, and thereafter on all assessed taxable real estate in CSD, for a total increase of 38 cents per \$100 of assessed value over two years. The estimated increase for an average assessed home in CSD is \$285 per year.

Income from the levy will be used to:

- Support continued operations by eliminating the current budget deficit
- Increase instructional staff to maintain current class sizes
- Expand Pre-K services to additional 3 and 4 year olds
- Support wellness services to elementary students
- Maintain, update and support technology in classrooms
- Develop and enhance curriculum to advance student achievement

AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS

CSD proposes to issue 20-year bonds in the amount of \$4,777,225 for the planning, construction and equipping of measures to enhance the security of the entrances of all CSD facilities. The estimated tax increases for debt service (which includes both interest and principal) on these bonds is estimated at 1.4 cents per \$100 of assessed value effective July 1, 2017. The estimated increase for an average assessed home in CSD is \$10 per year.

The polls for the Special Election will be open February 28, 2017, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. in the locations listed below. Voters may vote at any of the designated polling places. All voting locations are handicapped accessible.

VOTING LOCATIONS

Carrie Downie Elementary School 1201 Delaware St, New Castle	Eisenberg Elementary School 27 Landers Ln, New Castle	New Castle Senior Center 400 South St, New Castle	William Penn High School 713 E Basin Rd, New Castle
Carvel State Office Building 820 N French St, Wilmington	Howard Weston Senior Center 1 Bassett Ave, New Castle	Pleasantville Elementary School 16 Pleasant St, New Castle	Wilmington Manor Elementary School 200 E Roosevelt Ave, New Castle
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	
Delaware City Library 250 Fifth St, Delaware City	McCullough Middle School 20 Chase Ave, New Castle	Wilbur Elementary School 4050 Wrangle Hill Rd, Bear	

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, New Castle County Office, 820 N French St, 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 return it to the Department of Elections, New Castle County Office, either by email at absentee@state.de.us; FAX to 302-577-6545; or by US Mail to 820 N. French St, Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19801 no later than noon, Friday, February 24, 2017, if you want a ballot mailed to you.

Important Dates:

- Vote in person at the Department of Elections, New Castle County Office, Mon-Fri from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. until February 27, 2017, at noon.
- **Return your ballot no later than 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 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
D. Dusty Blakey, Ed.D., Executive Secretary and Superintendent

Posted in accordance with Delaware Code, Title 14. Do not remove until March 1, 2017.