

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

A special election will be held on Wednesday, May 29, 2019, in the Woodbridge School District (“the District”) in accordance with the 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 in the amount of \$950,000.

Increase in the Rate

The rate would increase as follows effective July 1, 2019:

- An additional \$.655 per \$100 of assessed value for property located in Sussex County.
- An additional \$.271 per \$100 of assessed value for property located in Kent County.

Despite differences in property assessments in Sussex and Kent counties, the percentage increase is the same for Sussex County and Kent County residents.

Use of Income from the Increase

Income from the increase in tax rates will be used for current operating expenses to support schools in the District, including the following:

Increased operating costs including transportation costs; additional utility costs incurred in going from 3 to 4 school buildings; security enhancements of District schools; an increase in salary expense due to a growth in enrollment; and the need to continue to be competitive in hiring and retaining teachers.

Average Annual Increase

The average residential assessment of District taxpayers residing in Sussex County is \$10,664, and the average residential assessment for District taxpayers residing in Kent County is \$31,200. For the average homeowner in Sussex County the annual increase is \$69.85, and for the average homeowner in Kent County the annual increase is \$84.55.

Voter Information

The polls for said election will be open on May 29, 2019, at 7:00 AM and will remain open until 8:00 PM. United States Citizens eighteen (18) years of age or over who reside within the Woodbridge School District at the time of the election shall be eligible to vote (proof of identity and residence is required) whether or not they are at the time registered voters for the purpose of a General Election. Voters may vote at any of the following designated polling places, all of which are accessible to the disabled:

Woodbridge Middle School 307 Laws Street Bridgeville, DE 19933

Woodbridge Early Childhood Education Center 400 Governors Avenue Greenwood, DE 19950

ABSENTEE BALLOT

You may vote by absentee ballot if you cannot vote on Election Day for one of the following reasons:

- (1) Because you are in the public service of the United States or of this State, or a citizen of the United States temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia, or you are such person's spouse or dependent when residing with or accompanying the person, or you are absent from this State because of illness or injury received while serving in the armed forces of the United States; or

- (2) Because you are in the armed forces of the United States or the merchant marine of the United States, or attached to and serving with the armed forces of the United States in the American Red Cross or United Service Organizations; or
- (3) Because of the nature of your business or occupation, including the business or occupation of providing care to your parent, spouse, or child who is living at home and requires constant care due to illness, disability, or injury; or
- (4) Because you are sick or physically disabled; or
- (5) Because you are absent from the district while on vacation; or
- (6) Because you are unable to vote at a certain time or on a certain day due to the tenets or teachings of your religion; or
- (7) Because you are otherwise authorized pursuant to the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) [42 U.S.C. § 1973ff et seq.] to vote by absentee ballot; or
- (8) Because you are otherwise authorized by federal law to vote by absentee ballot.

To vote by absentee ballot:

- Complete an *Affidavit for Absentee Ballot for Public School Elections*; and
- Submit the affidavit to the Department of Elections for Sussex County.
- Ballots can be obtained and submitted in person or by mail. Additional information regarding absentee voting is found here: <https://elections.delaware.gov/services/voter/absentee/school.shtml>

Important Dates:

- Deadline to mail out absentee ballot: Friday, May 24, 2019, 12:00 noon.
- Deadline to vote absentee ballot in person in the Department of Elections Sussex County Office: Tuesday, May 28, 2019, 12:00 noon.
- Returning voted absentee ballot: A voted absentee ballot must be received by the Department the Department of Elections Sussex County Office no later than 8:00 p.m. before the closing of the polls on the day of the election.

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.

INCLEMENT WEATHER DATE

If this referendum is postponed due to inclement weather, it will be rescheduled for Wednesday, June 5, 2019.

Contact the District at 302-337-7990 with any questions you may have.

**By Order of the Woodbridge board of Education
Paul M. Breeding, President and Heath B. Chasanov, Executive Secretary**

Posted in accordance with Delaware Code, Title 14. Do not remove until May 30, 2019.