

Proposed Polling Location Updates Department of Elections – New Castle County

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Section 1: New Castle County's Proposed Polling Location Updates

- 1. We are proposing to make changes to 28 polling locations.
- 2. We are proposing to eliminate five locations due to voter consolidation for more effective use of resources.
- 3. We are proposing to create one new election district to accommodate voter concentration changes due to redistricting and to reduce overcrowding.
- 4. We are proposing to add one new location to replace a current location that is unable to continue their support for the Department of Elections.
- 5. We are proposing to replace one Early Voting site for increased accessibility.

Rationale for Polling Location Changes

After redistricting, there were some locations where the voter concentration was miscalculated and the voter concentration was larger than expected, where other locations were very sparsely populated.

Proposed Polling Place Locations Changes

- 1. Kingswood Community Center 2300 Bowers St, Wilmington 19802
- 2. The Bancroft School 700 N. Lombard St, Wilmington 19801
- 3. Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church 808 N. Broom St, Wilmington 19806
- 4. Mt Pleasant High School 5201 N. Washington St Ext. Wilmington 19809
- 5. River Club Apartments 7807 Governor Printz Blvd, Claymont 19703
- 6. Waters Middle School 1235 Cedar Lane Rd, Middletown 19709
- 7. Tatnall School 1501 Barley Mill Rd, Wilmington 19807
- 8. Wilbur Elementary School 4050 Wrangle Hill Rd, Bear 19701
- 9. Pleasantville Elementary School 16 Pleasant Pl, New Castle 19720
- 10. West Park Place Elementary School 193 West Park Pl, Newark 19711
- 11. Maclary Elementary School 300 St. Regis Dr, Newark 19711
- 12. Good Shepherd Baptist Church 2274 Porter Rd, Bear 19701
- 13. Carvel State Office Building 820 N. French St, Wilmington 19801
- 14. Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Ctr 1018 W. 6th St, Wilmington 19805
- 15. Mary Campbell Center 4641 Weldin Rd, Wilmington 19803
- 16. Maple Lane Elementary School 100 Maple Ln, Claymont 19703
- 17. Cedar Lane Elementary School 1259 Cedar Lane Rd, Middletown 19709
- 18. Cooke Elementary School 2025 Graves Rd, Hockessin 19707
- 19. Joseph E Johnson School 2100 Gilpin Ave, Wilmington 19806
- 20. Greenbank Church of Christ 511 Greenbank Rd, Wilmington 19808
- 21. Southern Elementary School 795 Cox Neck Rd, New Castle 19720
- 22. William Penn High School 713 E Basin Rd, New Castle 19720
- 23. Conner Building 187A Old Churchmans Rd, New Castle 19720
- 24. Stanton Middle School 1800 Limestone Rd, Wilmington 19804
- 25. First Presbyterian Church 292 W. Main St, Newark 19711
- 26. Aetna Fire Station #7 7 Thorn Ln, Newark 19711
- 27. George Wilson Community Center 303 New London Rd, Newark 19711
- 28. Hodgson Vo Tech High School 2575 Glasgow Ave, Newark 19702

Proposed Polling Locations to be Eliminated

- 1. <u>East Side Charter School</u> 3000 N Claymont St, Wilmington 19802- Low voter registration, low voter turnout, and ineffective use of resources.
- 2. **Delaware Art Museum** 2301 Kentmere Pkwy, Wilmington 19806 Ineffective use of resources.
- 3. Read Middle School 314 E. Basin Rd, New Castle 19720 Ineffective use of resources.
- 4. **St. Marks United Methodist Church** 1700 Limestone Rd, Wilmington 19804 Low voter registration, low voter turnout, and ineffective use of resources.
- 5. <u>Main Towers</u> 330 E. Main St, Newark 19711 Low voter registration, low voter turnout, and ineffective use of resources.
- 6. **St. Catherine of Siena Church** 2501 Centerville Rd, Wilmington 19808 Location unable to continue to provide support to Department of Elections.

Section 2: Detailed Analysis of Polling Place Changes

Proposed 2nd Representative District Changes

• <u>02-01</u> - Currently located at East Side Charter School. We are proposing moving this district to Kingswood Community Center for a more effective use of resources. There are 673 registered voters in this district. In 11/2022 there were 139 voters that voted at East Side Charter School. Kingswood Community Center is the polling location for 02-10. There are 1,028 registered voters in this district. In 11/2022 there were 173 voters that voted at Kingswood Community Center. When using East Side Charter School, an additional cost of hiring a security guard is incurred. East Side Charter School was also listed in the 2022 CLASI report for multiple ADA compliance issues which would be eliminated. The total registered voters going to Kingswood Community Center would be 1,701.

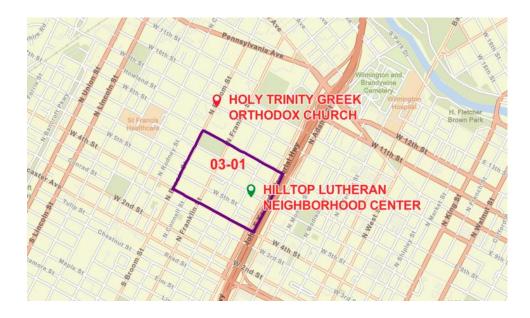


• <u>02-06</u> - Currently located at Carvel State Office Building. We are proposing moving this district to The Bancroft School to alleviate voter concentration. There are 1,713 registered voters in this district and a total of 3,641 registered voters at Carvel State Office Building. The Bancroft School is the polling location for 02-17, 02-18, 02-19, and 02-20. There are 1,442 registered voters in these districts. There are more non-metered parking spots available at The Bancroft School polling location. A new, replacement school is currently being constructed adjacent to The Bancroft School and may be available for the 9/2024 State Primary. The total registered voters going to The Bancroft School would be 3,155.



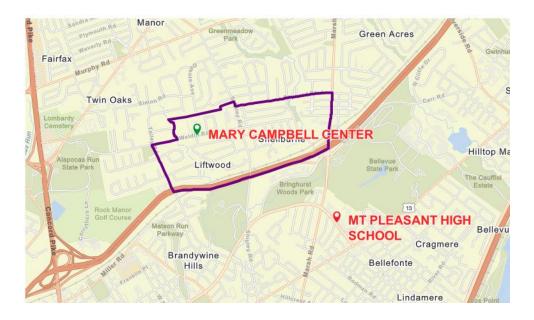
Proposed 3rd Representative District Changes

 <u>03-01</u> – Currently located at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. In 2020, Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center opted out of being a polling location citing COVID-19 concerns and this district was moved to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. The facility has agreed to return as a polling place for 2024. There are 1,348 registered voters in this district that would return to Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center. Districts 02-14 and 03-05 would remain at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church with a total number of registered voters of 1,251.



Proposed 6th Representative District Changes

• <u>06-07</u> - Currently located Mt. Pleasant High School. In 11/2022, Mary Campbell Center opted out of being a polling location citing COVID-19 concerns and this district was moved to Mt. Pleasant High School. The facility has agreed to return as a polling place for 2024. There are 1,234 registered voters in this district that would return to Mary Campbell Center. Districts 06-01 and 06-13 would remain at Mt. Pleasant High School with a total number of registered voters of 2,398.



Proposed 7th Representative District Changes

• <u>07-06</u> - Currently located at River Club Apartments. We are proposing splitting this district and creating a new district (07-14) to balance voter concentration and alleviate some parking issues at River Club Apartments. The split would leave approximately 850 voters in 07-06 and move the voting location to Maple Lane Elementary School which is the polling location for 07-01, 07-02, and 07-09. The total number of registered voters at Maple Lane would be 5,055.

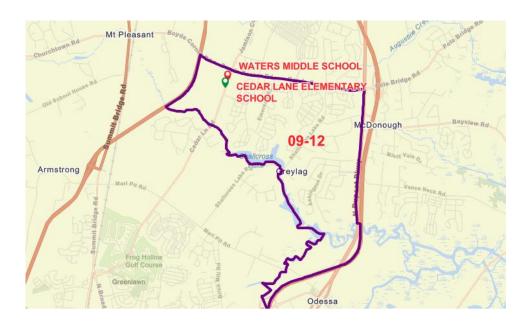


• <u>07-14</u> - Proposed new district from the split of 07-06. This new district has an approximate registered voter count of 850. The natural boundary is Philadelphia Pike, and this new district voting location would remain at River Club Apartments. This would help to alleviate the inadequate parking situation at River Club Apartments and would be a safer option for the voters not having to cross the main thoroughfare of Philadelphia Pike. Districts 07-08 and 07-10 would remain at River Club Apartments with a total number of registered voters of 3,221.



Proposed 9th Representative District Changes

• <u>09-12</u> - Currently located at Waters Middle School. We are proposing moving this district to Cedar Lane Elementary School. There are 2,571 registered voters in this district. Cedar Lane Elementary School is the polling location for 08-01. There are 1,463 registered voters in this district. Waters Middle School is the polling location for 27-13, 27-14, and 27-15. There are 4,225 registered voters for these three districts. In 11/2022 there were 605 voters that voted at Cedar Lane Elementary School and 2,828 voters that voted at Waters Middle School. Moving this district to Cedar Lane Elementary School would create a better voter balance thus reducing wait times and providing a more effective use of resources. The total registered voters at Cedar Lane Elementary School would be 4,034 and at Waters Middle School would be 4,225.

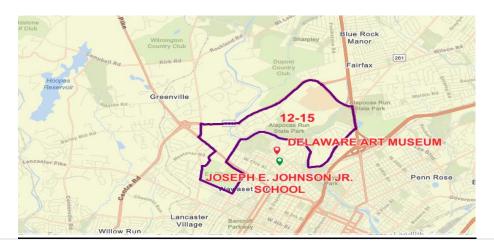


Proposed 12th Representative District Changes

• 12-07 - Currently located at Tatnall School. We are proposing moving this district to Cooke Elementary School. There are 421 registered voters in this district. Cooke Elementary School is the polling location for 22-08 and 22-09. There are 2,884 registered voters in these districts. Tatnall School is the polling location for 12-04 and 12-13. There are 3,439 registered voters in these districts. Geographically, the voters in 12-07 are closer to Cooke Elementary School, therefore moving the district to Cooke Elementary school would reduce voter travel time. The total registered voters remaining at Tatnall School would be 3,018 and Cooke Elementary School would be 3,305.



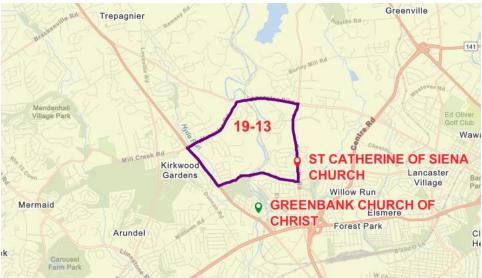
• 12-15 – Currently located at Delaware Art Museum. We are proposing moving this district to Joseph E. Johnson School. There are 1,001 registered voters in this district. In 11/2022 there were 356 voters that voted at Delaware Art Museum. Joseph E. Johnson School is the polling location for 12-17. There are 2,118 registered voters in this district. In 11/2022 there were 972 voters that voted at Joseph E. Johnson School. Moving this district to Joseph E. Johnson school would be a more effective use of resources. The total registered voters at Joseph E. Johnson School would be 3,119.



Proposed 13th Representative District Changes

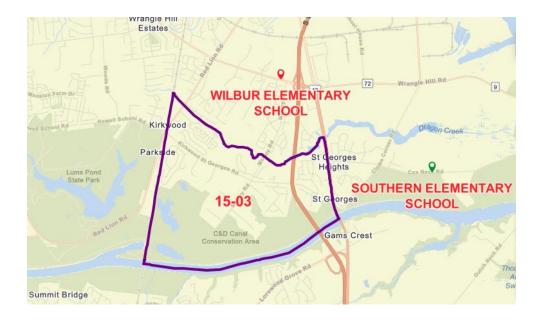
• <u>13-14</u> - Currently located at St. Catherine of Siena Church. We are proposing moving this district and <u>19-13</u>* to Greenbank Church of Christ. St. Catherine of Siena is no longer able to support the Department of Elections because of staffing issues. Greenbank Church of Christ has a generous space and ample parking to accommodate the Department's needs. The total number of registered voters for both districts is 2,477.





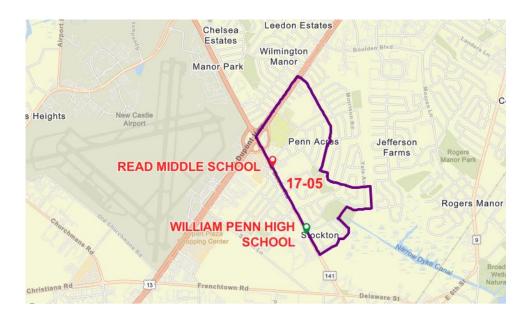
Proposed 15th Representative District Changes

• <u>15-03</u> - Currently located at Wilbur Elementary School. We are proposing moving this district to Southern Elementary School. There are 2,739 registered voters in this district. Southern Elementary School is the polling location for 15-01 and 17-01. There are 2,597 registered voters in these districts. Wilbur Elementary School is the polling location for 15-02, and 15-07. In 11/2022 there were 842 voters that voted at Southern Elementary School and 1,942 voters that voted at Wilbur Elementary School. Moving this district to Southern Elementary School would create a better voter balance, thus reducing wait times and providing a more effective use of resources. The total registered voters at Wilbur Elementary School would be 3,189 and Southern Elementary School would be 5,336.

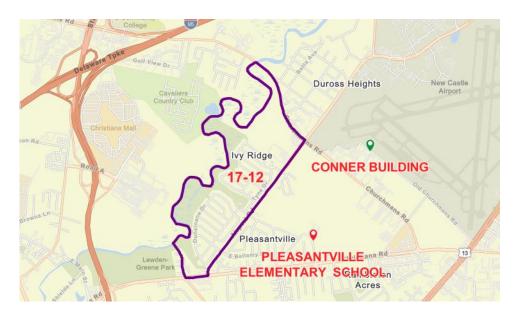


Proposed 17th Representative District Changes

• <u>17-05</u> - Currently located at Read Middle School. We are proposing moving this district to William Penn High School. There are 1,416 registered voters in this district. William Penn High School is the polling location for 16-10 and 17-08. There are 1,124 registered voters in these districts. In 11/2022 there were 450 voters that voted at Read Middle School and 285 that voted at William Penn High School. Moving this district to William Penn High School would be a more effective use of resources. The total registered voters at William Penn High School would be 2,528.

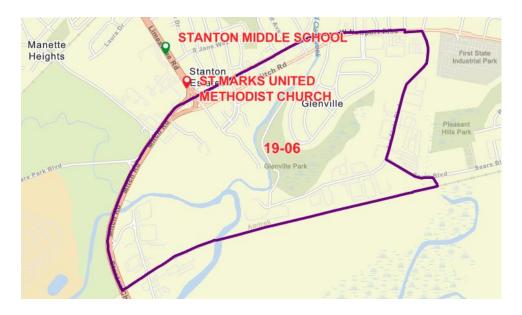


• 17-12 - Currently located at Pleasantville Elementary School. We are proposing moving this district to Conner Building. There are 1,692 registered voters in this district. Conner Building is the polling location for 17-11. There are 2,049 registered voters in this district. Pleasantville Elementary School is the polling location for 05-02, 05-03, and 17-13. There are 2,826 registered voters in these districts. In 11/2022 there were 1,059 voters that voted at Pleasantville Elementary School and 530 that voted at Conner Building. Moving this district to Conner Building would create a better voter balance, thus reducing wait times and providing a more effective use of resources. The total registered voters at Pleasantville Elementary would be 2,826 and Conner Building would be 3,741.



Proposed 19th Representative District Changes

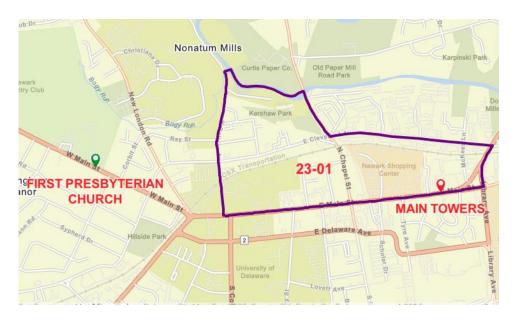
• 19-06 - Currently located at St. Marks United Methodist Church. We are proposing moving this district to Stanton Middle School. There are 494 registered voters in this district. Stanton Middle School is the polling location for 19-07 and 19-10. There are 2,222 registered voters in these districts. In 11/2022 there were 90 voters that voted at St. Marks United Methodist Church and 742 that voted at Stanton Middle School. Moving this district to Stanton Middle School would be a more effective use of resources. The total registered voters at Stanton Middle School would be 2,716.



• 19-13 - See 13-14

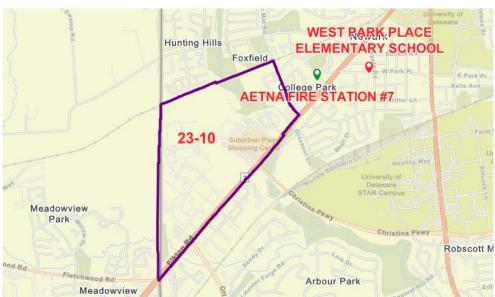
Proposed 23rd Representative District Changes

• <u>23-01</u> - Currently located at Main Towers. We are proposing moving this district to First Presbyterian Church. There are 519 registered voters in this district. First Presbyterian Church is the polling location for 23-02. There are 1,736 registered voters in this district. In 11/2022 there were 108 voters that voted at Main Towers and 755 voters that voted as First Presbyterian Church. Moving this district to First Presbyterian Church would be a more effective use of resources. The total registered voters at First Presbyterian Church would be 2,255.

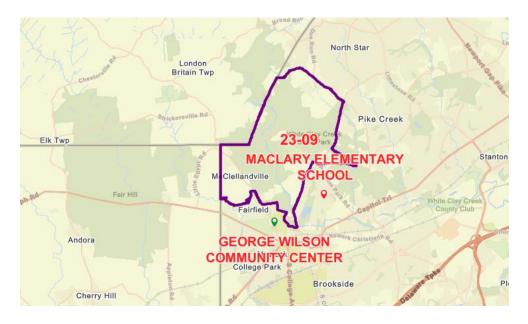


• 23-05 & 23-10 - Currently located at West Park Place Elementary School. We are proposing moving these districts back to Aetna Fire Station #7. There are 2,362 registered voters in these districts. Aetna Fire Station #7 opted out of being a polling location in 2022 citing proposed renovations to the location. The renovations were not completed; therefore, the location has agreed to return as a polling place in 2024. West Park Place Elementary School is the polling location for 25-01 and 25-03. The total registered voters remaining at West Park Place Elementary School would be 2,254.





• <u>23-09</u> – Currently located at Maclary Elementary School. We are proposing moving this district to George Wilson Community Center. There are 1,713 registered voters in this district. George Wilson Community Center is the polling location for 23-08. There are 357 registered voters in this district. Moving this district to George Wilson Community Center would create a better voter balance, thus reducing wait times and providing a more effective use of resources. Maclary Elementary School is the polling location for 23-06 and 23-07. The total registered voters remaining at Maclary Elementary School would be 3,227 and the new total registered voters as George Wilson Community Center would be 2,070.



Proposed 27th Representative District Changes

• 27-07 – Currently located at Good Shepherd Baptist Church. We are proposing moving this district to Hodgson Vo-Tech High School. There are 657 registered voters in this district. Hodgson Vo-Tech High School is the polling location for 27-03, 27-04, and 27-08. There are 3,979 registered voters in these districts. Good Shepherd Baptist Church is the polling location for 15-09 and 27-12. There are 3,588 registered voters in these districts. Moving this district to Hodgson Vo-Tech High School would create a better voter balance and Hodgson has a more accessible parking lot. The total registered voters at Hodgson Vo-Tech High School would be 4,635.



Section 3: 2024 Early Voting Sites Changes

In 2022, there were 5 Early Voting sites in New Castle County:

- Claymont Community Center 3301 Green St, Claymont 19703
- Hudson State Service Center 501 Ogletown Rd, Newark 19711
- Department of Elections Warehouse 220 Lisa Dr, New Castle 19720
- Gunning-Bedford Middle School 801 Cox Neck Rd, New Castle 19720
- Shipyard Shops 912 Justison St, Wilmington 19801

For 2024, Claymont Community Center, Hudson State Service Center, and the Department of Elections Warehouse are confirmed Early Voting locations.

The Early Voting site at Shipyard Shops was a short-term lease agreement with Pettinaro Group. We are currently working with that group and others to secure a location in the City of Wilmington for 2024 if the Shipyard Shops is not available.

We are proposing replacing Gunning-Bedford Middle School with Appoquinimink State Service Center – 122 Silver Lake Rd, Middletown 19709. Moving this Early Voting site to the Middletown area would better serve the population at the southern end of New Castle County. Gunning Bedford also had some accessibility issues as documented in the 2022 CLASI report that would not be present at the Appoquinimink State Service Center.

