

APPOQUINIMINK SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS

Notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held on December 14, 2021, in the Appoquinimink School District (the "District") in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 20 and 21 of Title 14 of the Delaware Code, in order to permit the voters of the District to vote either for or against the following:

To support continued enrollment growth, the Appoquinimink School District is seeking authority to issue bonds in the amount of \$13,675,300 to be used for funding for the following:

- Reconstruction of Louis L Redding Middle School – Planning, construction and equipment for renovation of and addition to increase the capacity of Louis L. Redding Middle School to a 1,000-student middle school.

The bonds in the amount of \$13,675,300 represent 24% (Appoquinimink School District's local share) of the total cost of \$56,980,400 for the renovation of Louis L. Redding Middle School.

\$43,305,100 – State
\$13,675,300 – Local
 \$56,980,400 – Total

If the District is authorized to issue bonds, the District shall utilize its voluntary school assessment fees and current debt service carryover balance to provide for the payment of principal and interest on the bonds. The interest rate of the bonds will adjust to market interest rates. Based on the current available voluntary school assessment fee balance, the current debt service carryover balance, and the soon to be retirement of certain bonds, the District is not raising the debt service tax for this referendum. Therefore, the amount of the debt service tax that would be imposed as a result of this proposed bond issuance as part of the annual property tax bill, depending upon market conditions, is estimated as follows:

Year	Fiscal Year	Amount of Annual Tax Increase as a Result of Proposed Bond to Fund the Renovation	Total Annual Tax Rate as a Result of this Proposed Bond Issuance to Fund the Renovation	Projected Increase / Decrease in Annual Tax Rate as a Result of this Proposed Bond Issuance to Fund the Renovation	Year	Fiscal Year	Amount of Annual Tax Increase as a Result of Proposed Bond to Fund the Renovation	Total Annual Tax Rate as a Result of this Proposed Bond Issuance to Fund the Renovation	Projected Increase / Decrease in Annual Tax Rate as a Result of this Proposed Bond Issuance to Fund the Renovation
1	2024	0.0000	0.3671	0.0000	12	2035	0.0000	0.2321	-0.0197
2	2025	0.0000	0.3671	0.0000	13	2036	0.0000	0.2236	-0.0085
3	2026	0.0000	0.3671	0.0000	14	2037	0.0000	0.2169	-0.0067
4	2027	0.0000	0.3671	0.0000	15	2038	0.0000	0.2004	-0.0165
5	2028	0.0000	0.3671	0.0000	16	2039	0.0000	0.1596	-0.0407
6	2029	0.0000	0.3214	-0.0457	17	2040	0.0000	0.1558	-0.0038
7	2030	0.0000	0.3154	-0.0060	18	2041	0.0000	0.1207	-0.0351
8	2031	0.0000	0.3072	-0.0082	19	2042	0.0000	0.0860	-0.0347
9	2032	0.0000	0.2864	-0.0208	20	2043	0.0000	0.0597	-0.0262
10	2033	0.0000	0.2696	-0.0168	21	2044	0.0000	0.0485	-0.0113
11	2034	0.0000	0.2518	-0.0179	22	2045	0.0000	0.0483	-0.0002

Notes regarding the above table: Estimated "Annual Tax Increase amounts" are rounded and are stated in Cents/\$100 of Assessed Value. The "Annual Tax Rate" is based on the District's current debt service rate (\$0.3671 per \$100 of assessed value) and several other factors including market interest rates. Retirement of existing debt will offset annual tax increases in future years. The calculations in the above table were prepared without regard to any future referenda that may be pursued by the District.

For a property in the District assessed at a value of \$89,079 (Appoquinimink School District average assessment), the increased debt service cost to the homeowner would be \$0.00 per year.

VOTER INFORMATION

Voters may only vote one time in this special election even if the voter has more than one child attending school in the Appoquinimink School District.

The polls for the Special Election will be open on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 7:00 AM and will remain open until 8:00 PM. Voters may vote in any of the following designated polling places, all of which are accessible to the disabled:

Alfred G. Waters Middle School
1235 Cedar Lane Rd., Middletown

Lorewood Grove Elementary School
820 Mapleton Ave., Middletown

Old State Elementary School
580 Tony Marchio Dr., Townsend

Appoquinimink Activity Center
651 N. Broad St., Middletown

Louis L. Redding Middle School
201 New St., Middletown

Olive B. Loss Elementary School
200 Brennan Blvd., Bear

Brick Mill Elementary School
378 Brick Mill Rd., Middletown

Marion E. Proffitt Training Center
118 S. Sixth St., Odessa

Silver Lake Elementary School
200 E. Cochran St., Middletown

Bunker Hill Elementary School
1070 Bunker Hill Rd., Middletown

Middletown High School
120 Silver Lake Rd., Middletown

Townsend Elementary School
126 Main St., Townsend

QUALIFICATIONS TO VOTE

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

ABSENTEE BALLOT

You may vote by absentee ballot if you cannot vote at a polling place on the day of election 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 or accompanying a person serving the U.S. or the State of Delaware;
- The nature of your job or occupation does not permit you to go to the polls;
- You are sick;
- The tenets or teachings of your religion prevent you from voting on the days or times set for the election;
- 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 of illness or injury received while serving in the Armed Forces; or
- You serve in the Armed Forces, Red Cross, U.S.O. or the Merchant Marine; or
- You are authorized pursuant to the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) [42 U.S.C § 1973ff et seq.], or any other federal law, to vote by absentee ballot.

To vote by absentee ballot:

- Download an Absentee Ballot Application from https://elections.delaware.gov/Appoquinimink/ap_ref.shtml; request one by email at absentee@delaware.gov; or by phone at 302-577-3464.
- If you want an absentee ballot mailed to you, send a completed Absentee Ballot Application so that it arrives at the Department of Elections, New Castle County Office no later than 12 Noon, Friday, December 10, 2021. You may either email your completed application to absentee@delaware.gov, or mail it to 820 N. French St., Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19801-3512.
- NOTE: If you are a voter with a "permanent absentee status", this status does cover school elections. You will not automatically be mailed an absentee ballot. You must request one. Please follow instructions above to request an absentee ballot.

Important Dates:

- Vote in person by absentee ballot at the Department of Elections, New Castle County Office, Mon-Fri from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until Friday, December 10, 2021, or from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon on Monday, December 13, 2021.
- ***In order to be counted, voted absentee ballots must be received at the Department of Elections, New Castle County Office, 820 N French St, Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19801 no later than 8 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14, 2021.***

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.

By order of the APPOQUINIMINK SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Michelle Wall, President

Matthew Burrows, Executive Secretary and Superintendent

Posted in accordance with Delaware Code, Title 14, Section 1074. Do not remove until December 15, 2021.