

BRANDYWINE SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF ADDITIONAL TAXES

Notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held on February 13, 2024, in the Brandywine School District (“BSD” or the “District”) in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 19 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 ongoing district operations, the Brandywine School District is seeking authority to levy and collect an additional \$0.2500 per \$100 of assessed value in local school taxes for current operating expenses as set forth below, effective July 1, 2024 and every year thereafter, and an additional \$0.2000 per \$100 of assessed value in local school taxes for current operating expenses as set forth below, effective July 1, 2025 and every year thereafter, for a total of \$0.4500 per \$100 of assessed value, on all assessed taxable real estate in the District to fund operating expenses totaling \$15,625,549.

For a property in the District assessed at a rate of \$72,701 (Brandywine School District average assessment), the increased current expense cost to the homeowner would be \$181.75 per year effective July 1, 2024, and an additional \$145.40 per year effective July 1, 2025.

The purpose of this proposed tax increase is to provide funding for the following:

- Continued operations and operating cost increases.
- Continued safety and security initiatives including additional constables.
- Continued staff retention and recruitment including salary and employment costs and maintaining building-based substitutes.
- Maintaining curricular and other instructional programming including, but not limited to, Gifted, International Baccalaureate, AVID, and Alternative Education.
- Maintaining extra-curricular programming including, but not limited to, Visual and Performing Arts, Athletics and Clubs
- Technology maintenance and repair including, but not limited to, Chromebooks and interactive classroom boards

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 Brandywine School District.

The polls for the Special Election will be open on Tuesday, February 13th, 2024 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 voters with disabilities:

Brandywine High School
1400 Foulk Road, Wilmington

Forwood Elementary School
1900 Westminster Dr., Wilmington

Mount Pleasant Elementary School
500 Duncan Road, Wilmington

Carrcroft Elementary School
503 Crest Road, Wilmington

Hanby Elementary School
2523 Berwyn Road, Wilmington

Mount Pleasant High School
5201 Washington St. Extension, Wilmington

Claymont Elementary School
3401 Green Street, Claymont

Lancashire Elementary School
2000 Naamans Road, Wilmington

P.S. DuPont Middle School
701 W. 34th Street, Wilmington

Claymont Library
400 Lenape Way, Claymont

Lombardy Elementary School
412 Foulk Road, Wilmington

Springer Middle School
2220 Shipley Road, Wilmington

Concord High School
2501 Ebright Road, Wilmington

Maple Lane Elementary School
100 Maple Road, Wilmington

Talley Middle School
1110 Cypress Road, Wilmington

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 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 in the public service of 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 Application from <https://de.gov/schabsapp>, request one by email at absentee@delaware.gov; or request one by phone at 302-577-3464.
- If you want an absentee ballot mailed to you, send a completed application so that it arrives at the Department of Elections, New Castle County Office no later than 12 Noon, Friday, February 9th, 2024. You may either email the completed application to absentee@delaware.gov, or mail it to 820 N. French St., Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19801-3512.
- 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, February 13, 2024.

- Vote in person by absentee ballot at the Department of Elections, New Castle County Office, Mon-Fri from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Monday, February 9, 2024, or from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2024.
- NOTE: If you are a voter with a “permanent absentee status”, this status does not 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.

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 BRANDYWINE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION:

John Skrobot III, President
Lincoln Hohler, Executive Secretary and Superintendent

Posted in accordance with Delaware Code, Title 14, Section 1074. Do not remove until February 14th, 2024