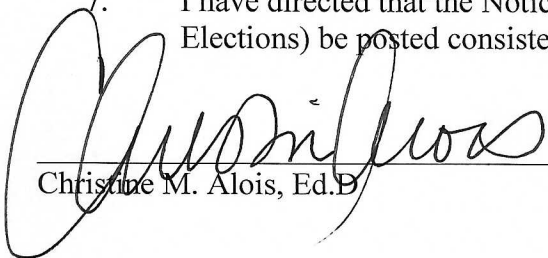


AFFIDAVIT OF CHRISTINE M. ALOIS ED.D

STATE OF DELAWARE)
)
COUNTY OF KENT) SS:

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 22nd day of March, 2023, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a notary public for the state and county aforesaid, Christine M. Alois, Ed.D, known to me to be such, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, did depose and say that:

1. I am the Superintendent of the Caesar Rodney School District (the "District").
2. I provide this affidavit as required by 14 Del.C. §1074(e).
3. This affidavit is provided to the Delaware Department of Elections in advance of the election to be held on April 22, 2023.
4. On February 28, 2023, the District Board of Education passed a resolution approving a draft Notice of Special Election for review, comment and approval by the Department of Elections (the "Notice").
5. This certifies the attached document is the Notice, as required by 14 Del.C. §1074(e).
6. The Notice complies with 14 Del.C. §1074(b).
7. I have directed that the Notice (which now has been approved by the Department of Elections) be posted consistently with 14 Del.C. §1074(b) and (c).



Christine M. Alois, Ed.D

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 24th day of March, 2023



Notary Public

Print Name: Teresa L. Price

My Commission Expires: 2/21/25

Teresa L. Price
Notary Public
Expires 2-21-25
State of Delaware

CAESAR RODNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF ADDITIONAL TAXES AND THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS

Notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held on April 22, 2023, in the Caesar Rodney School District (“District”) pursuant to resolutions duly adopted on February 28, 2023, by the Board of Education of said school district, in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 10, 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 each of the Issues described in the following three Sections:

Section 1:

To support renovation of Magnolia Middle School, the Caesar Rodney School District is seeking authority to issue bonds payable to the State of Delaware in the amount of \$2,933,900, payable over 20 years, to be used for funding for planning, constructing, and equipping the following:

- Renovation of Magnolia Middle School, primarily with regard to HVAC system update
- Legal fees, architectural fees, contingencies, and costs of supervision and auditing incidental to and accruing from the renovation of Magnolia Middle School

The bonds represent \$2,933,900 or 21% (Caesar Rodney School District’s share) of the total cost of \$13,971,100 for the project listed above.

\$ 11,037,200 – State
\$ 2,933,900 – Local
 \$13,971,100 – Total

If the District is authorized to issue bonds for the reasons state above, the District shall levy and collect additional property taxes to provide for the payment of interest and principal on such bonds. The amount of each annual tax increase that would be imposed as a result of the proposed bond issuance, depending upon market conditions, is estimated as follows:

Year	Fiscal Year	Amount of Annual Tax Increase as a Result of this Proposed Bond Issuance to Fund Renovations	Total Annual Tax Rate as a Result of this Proposed Bond Issuance to Fund Renovations	Projected Increase / Decrease in Annual Tax Rate as a Result of this Proposed Bond to Fund Renovations	Year	Fiscal Year	Amount of Annual Tax Increase as a Result of this Proposed Bond Issuance to Fund Renovations	Total Annual Tax Rate as a Result of this Proposed Bond Issuance to Fund Renovations	Projected Increase / Decrease in Annual Tax Rate as a Result of this Proposed Bond to Fund Renovations
1	2024	\$0.0316	\$0.2500	\$0.0000	11	2034	\$0.0213	\$0.1200	\$(0.0200)
2	2025	\$0.0305	\$0.2500	\$0.0000	12	2035	\$0.0204	\$0.1100	\$(0.0100)
3	2026	\$0.0294	\$0.2500	\$0.0000	13	2036	\$0.0195	\$0.1000	\$(0.0100)
4	2027	\$0.0283	\$0.2400	\$(0.0100)	14	2037	\$0.0186	\$0.0900	\$(0.0100)
5	2028	\$0.0273	\$0.2200	\$(0.0200)	15	2038	\$0.0177	\$0.0700	\$(0.0200)
6	2029	\$0.0262	\$0.2100	\$(0.0100)	16	2039	\$0.0168	\$0.0300	\$(0.0400)
7	2030	\$0.0252	\$0.1900	\$(0.0200)	17	2040	\$0.0160	\$0.0160	\$(0.0140)
8	2031	\$0.0242	\$0.1800	\$(0.0100)	18	2041	\$0.0152	\$0.0152	\$(0.0008)
9	2032	\$0.0232	\$0.1600	\$(0.0200)	19	2042	\$0.0143	\$0.0143	\$(0.0009)
10	2033	\$0.0222	\$0.1400	\$(0.0200)	20	2043	\$0.0135	\$0.0135	\$(0.0008)

Notes regarding this Section 1 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 (\$0.2500 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 \$40,300 (Caesar Rodney School District average assessment), the estimated increase in debt service cost to the homeowner effective July 1, 2023 would be \$0.00 per year.

Section 2:

To support District operations at Magnolia Middle and David E. Robinson Elementary Schools, the Caesar Rodney School District is seeking authority to levy and collect the following additional taxes effective July 1, 2023 on all assessed taxable real estate in the District to fund operating expenses associated generally with the recently opened Magnolia Middle and David E. Robinson Elementary Schools as follows: **(Note: Amounts of additional taxes proposed in this Section 2 are in addition to the amounts of additional taxes proposed in Section 3 below):**

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3 (and not increasing thereafter pursuant to this referendum).
\$0.2450	\$0.0200	\$0.0200

Per \$100 of assessed property value

The operating amount raised in each year shall be as follows:

Fiscal Year	2024	2025	2026 (assuming a 1% annual assessed value increase).
Annual Increase	\$2,274,400	\$187,500	\$189,400

For a property in the district assessed at \$40,300 (Caesar Rodney School District average assessment), the new current expense tax to the homeowner is as follows:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
\$98.74	\$8.06	\$8.06

Section 3:

To support the District initiatives described below, the Caesar Rodney School District is seeking authority to levy and collect additional local school taxes for current operating expenses as set forth below, effective July 1, 2023 on all assessed taxable real estate in the District. **Note: The amounts of additional taxes proposed in this Section 3 are in addition to the amounts of additional taxes proposed in Section 2 above.**

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
\$0.2800	\$0.0700	\$0.0700 (and not increasing thereafter pursuant to this referendum).

Per \$100 of assessed property value

The operating amount raised in each year thereafter shall be as follows:

Fiscal Year	2024	2025	2026 (assuming a 1% annual assessed value increase).
Annual Increase	\$2,599,300	\$656,300	\$662,900

For a property in the district assessed at \$40,300 (Caesar Rodney School District average assessment), the new current expense tax to the homeowner is as follows:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
\$112.84	\$28.21	\$28.21

This increase, if approved, is to provide funding for programs and operating expenses, primarily regarding the following:

- Continue ongoing programs (textbooks, instructional supplies and materials, discipline support programs, maintenance of facilities)
- Upgrade and maintain technology
- Maintain extracurricular activities
- Recruit and retain highly qualified staff
- Necessary operating expenses (energy costs, general inflation, contracted services)
- Sustain operations affected by reductions in State funding
- Continue improved Safety and Security measures

VOTER INFORMATION

The polls for said election will open on Saturday, April 22, 2023 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 Caesar Rodney 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 Delaware registered voters for the purpose of a General Election. Voters may vote at any the following designated polling places, all of which are accessible to voters with disabilities:

- Allen Frear Elementary School - 238 Sorghum Mill Road, Camden Wyoming, DE 19934
- W. Reily Brown Elementary School - 360 Webbs Lane, Dover, DE 19904
- Fred Fifer III Middle School - 109 E. Camden Wyoming Avenue, Camden, DE 19934
- J.Ralph McIlvaine Early Childhood Center - 11 E. Walnut Street, Magnolia, DE 19962

ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION

You may vote by absentee ballot if you cannot vote in person at a polling place on Election Day (April 22, 2023) 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. This reason includes:
 - Providing care to your parent, spouse, or child who is living at home and requires constant care due to illness, disability, or injury;
 - Students; and
 - Otherwise eligible persons who are incarcerated.
- (4) Because you are sick or physically disabled (temporarily or permanently); 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.

Important information and dates regarding absentee voting:

- Absentee ballots can be obtained and submitted in person or by mail.
- Complete a *Request for Absentee Ballot - Public School Elections*, which can be downloaded from <https://ivote.de.gov>, https://elections.delaware.gov/pubs/pdfs/absentee_ballot_application_school_elections.pdf or requested by email at absenteekc@delaware.gov, or by phone at 302-739-4498.
- If you want an absentee ballot mailed to you, send a completed request to the Department of Elections, Kent County Office, PO BOX 699, Dover, DE 19903, or email it to

absenteekc@delaware.gov, or fax it to 302-739-4515, **so that it arrives no later than noon on April 18, 2023.**

- Vote in person by absentee ballot at the Department of Elections, Kent County Office, 100 Enterprise Place, Suite 5, Dover, DE 19904, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. until April 20, 2023, or from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon on April 21, 2023.
- In order to be counted, voted absentee ballots must be received at the Department of Election, Kent County Office, PO BOX 699, Dover, DE 19903, no later than 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election (April 22, 2023).

Additional information regarding absentee voting is found here:

<https://elections.delaware.gov/information/elections/school/absentee.shtml>

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.

Contact Caesar Rodney School District at 302-698-4800 with any questions you may have.

***In the event of inclement weather, the referendum will be held on April 29, 2023.
The notice of election shall remain posted until the day after the election.***