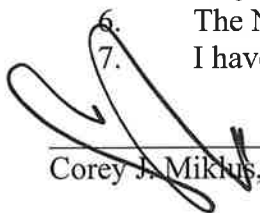


AFFIDAVIT OF COREY J. MIKLUS, ED.D

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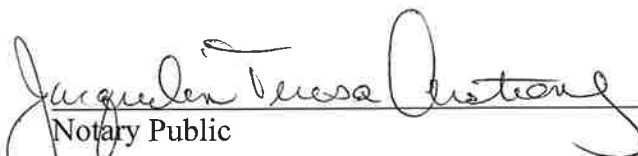
BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 17th day of December, 2025, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a notary public for the state and county aforesaid, Corey J. Miklus, Ed.D., known to me to be such, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, did depose and say that:

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 February 9, 2026.
4. On October 13, 2025, the District Board of Education passed a resolution approving a form of Notice of Special Election for review, comment and approval by the Department of Elections (the "Notice"). The Notice thereafter was conformed to comply with the Department of Elections' edits. The District Board of Education thereafter ratified the conformed Notice on December 16, 2025.
5. This certifies the attached document is the conformed 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 be posted consistent with 14 *Del. C.* §1074(b) and (c).



Corey J. Miklus, Ed.D.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 17th day of December, 2025.



Notary Public
Print Name: Jacquelin Teresa Armstrong

My Commission Expires: Upon Office

**State of Delaware
Jacquelin Teresa Armstrong
Notary Public
My Commission Expires Upon Office**

CAESAR RODNEY 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 9, 2026 in the Caesar Rodney School District ("District") pursuant to resolutions duly adopted on October 13, 2025 by the Board of Education of said school district, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 19 of Title 14 of the Delaware Code, in order to permit the voters of the District to vote either for or against the following:

Authority to Levy Additional Operating Taxes

To support programs and operating expenses, the District is seeking authority to levy and collect an additional \$0.0922 per \$100 of assessed value effective July 1, 2026, and every year thereafter on all assessed taxable real estate in the District. If approved, the total amount to be raised through this additional tax in FY 2027 is estimated to be \$6,137,284.

This increase, if approved, is to provide funding for the District's programs and operating expenses, concerning, among others:

- Expanding the public safety initiatives.
- Maintaining and enhancing funding for student programs.
- Recruitment and retention of staff.

If approved, the annual current tax shall increase on average by \$274.15 for a property in the District assessed at \$297,347 (District average).

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 Caesar Rodney School District.

The polls for the Special Election will be open on Monday, February 9, 2026 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:

Caesar Rodney High School
239 Old North Road
Camden

W. Reily Brown Elementary School
360 Webbs Lane
Dover

Nellie Stokes Elementary School
3874 Upper King Road
Dover

David E. Robinson Elementary School
1038 Briarbush Road
Wyoming

Fred Fifer III Middle School
109 East Camden-Wyoming Avenue
Camden

Allen Frear Elementary School
238 Sorghum Mill Road
Camden

Star Hill Elementary School
594 Voshells Mill Star Hill Road
Dover

Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company
2 North Main Street
Magnolia

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 Caesar Rodney 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:

1. You are in the public service of the United States or the State of Delaware, or are a Citizen of the U.S. temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the U.S. and the District of Columbia, or such person's spouse or dependent when residing with or accompanying such person, or absent from this State because of illness or injury while serving the Armed Forces of the U.S.
2. You are in the Armed Forces of the U.S. or the Merchant Marine of the U.S., or attached to and serving with the Armed Forces of the U.S. in the American Red Cross or United Service Organizations.
3. Due to the nature of your business or occupation. This reason includes:
 - a. the business or occupation of providing care to one's parent, spouse, or child who is living at home and requires constant care due to illness, disability, or injury;
 - b. students; and
 - c. otherwise eligible persons who are incarcerated.
4. You are sick or physically disabled (temporarily or permanently).
5. You are absent from the district while on vacation.
6. You are unable to vote at a certain time or on a certain day due to the tenets or teachings of your religion.
7. You are otherwise authorized pursuant to the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) to vote by absentee ballot.
8. You are otherwise authorized by 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 absenteekc@delaware.gov; or request one by phone at 302-739-4498.
- If you want an absentee ballot mailed to you, send a completed application so that it arrives at the Department of Elections, Kent County Office no later than 4 p.m., Wednesday, February 4, 2026. You may either email the completed application to absenteekc@delaware.gov, or mail it to PO Box 699 Dover, DE 19903.
- In order to be counted, voted absentee ballots must be received at the Department of Elections, Kent County Office, 100 Enterprise Pl, Suite 5, Dover, DE 19904 no later than 8 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2026.
- Vote in person by absentee ballot at the Department of Elections, Kent County Office, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Thursday, February 5, 2026, or from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday, February 6, 2026.

- **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.

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

By Order of the CAESAR RODNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Jessica Marelli, President

**Posted in accordance with Delaware Code, Title 14, Section 1074.
Do not remove until February 10, 2026.**