


**AFFIDAVIT OF STEVEN V. LUCAS, ED.D**

STATE OF DELAWARE            )  
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COUNTY OF KENT                )

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 30th day of March, 2023, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a notary public for the state and county aforesaid, Steven V. Lucas, 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 Lake Forest 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 May 6, 2023.
4. On March 9, 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).

  
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Steven V. Lucas, Ed.D

**SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED** before me this 30th day of March, 2023

  
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Notary Public

Print Name:

My Commission Expires: 9/15/23



**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION IN LAKE FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TO AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT TO LEVY ADDITIONAL TAXES  
TO FUND OPERATING EXPENSES**

Notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held on May 6, 2023, in the Lake Forest School District, in the State of Delaware, pursuant to resolutions duly adopted on March 9, 2023, by the Board of Education of said school district in accordance with provisions of Chapters 10 and 19 of Title 14 of the Delaware Code. This Special Election will be held in order to permit the voters of said school district to vote for or against the following:

- ❑ **Authority To Levy Additional Taxes To Fund Current Operating Expenses by 18.90 cents per \$100 of assessed value effective July 1, 2023, by an additional 10.80 cents per \$100 of assessed value effective July 1, 2024, and by an additional 7.30 cents per \$100 of assessed value effective July 1, 2025, for a total of 37.00 cents per \$100 of assessed value over three years.**

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3 (and not increasing thereafter pursuant to this referendum)
0.189	0.108	0.073

*Per \$100 of assessed property value*

The amount of Operating Expenses raised in Year 1 and each year thereafter shall be as follows:

FY	2024	2025	2026
Annual Increase	\$1,050,197	\$600,113	\$405,632

For a property in the District assessed at \$ 33,878 (Lake Forest School District average assessment), the new current expense tax increase to the homeowner is as follows:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
\$64.03	\$36.59	\$24.73

This increase is to provide funding for programs such as, but not limited to, the following:

- ❑ Continue school safety and security initiatives including adding constables in schools
- ❑ Continue transportation services necessitated by higher State contract costs
- ❑ Recruit and retain highly qualified school staff
- ❑ Technology sustainment – Essential technology maintenance and replacement for students expanded to all grades (K-12)

- ❑ Offset the increased costs of substitute teachers and paraprofessionals
- ❑ Continuance of ongoing programs (textbooks, instructional programs and supplies, maintenance of facilities)

### **VOTER INFORMATION**

The polls for said election will open on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. United States Citizens eighteen (18) years of age or over who reside within the Lake Forest 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 of the following designated polling places, all of which are accessible to voters with disabilities:

- ❑ Lake Forest Central Elementary, 5424 Killens Pond Road, Felton, DE 19943
- ❑ Frederica Fire Hall, 6 Front Street, Frederica, DE 19946
- ❑ Lake Forest North Elementary School, 319 East Main Street, Felton, DE 19943
- ❑ Lake Forest South Elementary School, 301 Dorman Street, Harrington, DE 19952

### **ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION**

You may vote by absentee ballot if you cannot vote in person at a polling place on Election Day (May 6, 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 for Public School Elections*, which can be downloaded from <https://ivote.de.gov/>, <https://de.gov/schabsapp> or requested by email at [absenteekc@delaware.gov](mailto: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](mailto:absenteekc@delaware.gov), or fax it to 302-739-4515, **so that it arrives no later than 12:00 noon on Tuesday May 2, 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 May 4, 2023, or from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon on May 5, 2023.
- In order to be counted, voted absentee ballots must be received at the Department of Elections, Kent County Office, 100 Enterprise Place, Suite 5, Dover, DE 19904 (in person) or PO BOX 699, Dover, DE 19903 (by mail), no later than 8:00 p.m. on May 6, 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 Lake Forest School District at 302-284-3020 with any questions you may have.**

**In the event of inclement weather, the Referendum will be held on May 13, 2023.**

**This Notice of Election shall remain posted until the day after the election.**

BY ORDER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION: