

ELECTION STATEMENT FOR

SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION DECEMBER 13, 2022

A statement of the determination of the Board of Canvassers of Somerset County, New Jersey, relative to an election held in the County of Somerset on December 13, 2022 for the following proposals by the Board of Education in the *Watchung Borough School Election*

Proposal Question #1

The Board of Education of the Borough of Watchung in the County of Somerset, New Jersey is authorized (a) to upgrade the heating ventilation and air conditioning systems, to undertake various interior renovations, security upgrades, roof replacement and maintenance, replacement of exterior doors, and electrical and plumbing upgrades, along with any related improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades at Bayberry Elementary School, including acquisition and installation of fixtures, furniture, equipment and any site work; (b) to upgrade the heating ventilation and air conditioning systems, to undertake various interior renovations, security upgrades, roof replacement and maintenance, replacement of exterior doors, and electrical and plumbing upgrades, along with related improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades at Valley View Middle School, including acquisition and installation of fixtures, furniture, equipment and any site work; (c) to appropriate \$12,807,985 for such improvements; and (d) to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$12,807,985.

The final eligible costs for the projects approved by the New Jersey Commissioner of Education are \$12,401,793 (consisting of \$6,590,421 Bayberry Elementary School and \$5,811,372 for Valley View Middle School). The projects include \$406,192 (consisting of \$293,579 for Bayberry Elementary School and \$112,613 for Valley View Middle School) for school facility construction elements in addition to the facilities efficiency standards developed by the Commissioner of Education or not otherwise eligible for State support pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5(g). The State debt service aid percentage will equal 40% of the annual debt service due with respect to the final eligible costs of the projects. The Board of Education is authorized to transfer funds among the projects approved at this election.

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Proposal Question #2

The Board of Education of the Borough of Watchung in the County of Somerset, New Jersey is authorized (a) to install air conditioning in the gym along with any related improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades at Bayberry Elementary School, including acquisition and installation of fixtures, equipment and any site work; (b) to install air conditioning in the gym, to create an outdoor learning commons, and to renovate the existing softball field for use as a multi-purpose field, along with any related improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades at Valley View Middle School, including acquisition and installation of fixtures, furniture, equipment and any site work; (c) to appropriate \$2,926,503 for such improvements; and (d) to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,926,503.

The final eligible costs for the projects approved by the New Jersey Commissioner of Education are \$2,469,475 (consisting of \$796,224 for Bayberry Elementary School and \$1,673,251 for Valley View Middle School). The projects include \$457,028 (consisting of \$0 for Bayberry Elementary School and \$457,028 for Valley View Middle School) for school facility construction elements in addition to the facilities efficiency standards developed by the Commissioner of Education or not otherwise eligible for State support pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5(g). The State debt service aid percentage will equal 40% of

the annual debt service due with respect to the final eligible costs of the projects. The Board of Education is authorized to transfer funds among the projects approved at this election.

Yes 607

No 545

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true, full and correct statement of the determination of the Board of Canvassers of Somerset County, New Jersey.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 27th of December 2022.

Attest:



Steve Peter
Somerset County Clerk



Christian R. Mastondrea
County Board of Canvassers