

LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION AND BUDGET HEARING
MIDDLE COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AT
CENTEREACH, TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE MIDDLE COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT at CENTEREACH of the Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York (the "School District"), that a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., Prevailing Time, at the Dr. Karen J. Lessler District Conference Center, located at Centereach High School, 14 43rd Street, Centereach, New York for Election Districts No. 1 and No. 2, for the transaction of business as authorized by the Education Law, including the following:

1. To present to the voters a detailed statement (proposed budget) of the amount of money which will be required for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.
2. To discuss all the items hereinafter set forth to be voted upon by voting machines at the Budget Vote and Election to be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.
3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to Education Law of the State of New York and acts amendatory thereto.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the vote on the budget and election of the members of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Prevailing Time, for the purpose of voting by machine upon those matters at Election District No. 1, located at Centereach High School, Centereach, New York and at Election District No. 2, located at Newfield High School, Selden, New York.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN, that a copy of a detailed statement in writing of the amount of money which will be required for the 2023-2024 school year for school purposes (the proposed budget) will be made available, upon request, to any resident of the District between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM beginning Wednesday, April 26, 2023, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays,

at the District Administration Office located at 8 43rd Street, Centereach, NY 11720. A copy of the proposed budget shall be made available beginning Tuesday, May 2, 2023, on the District's website at <http://www.mccsd.net/>, and except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, at each of the following school houses in the District during the following designated hours and at the Middle Country Public Library:

CENTEREACH HIGH SCHOOL, Centereach	7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
DAWNWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL, Centereach	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
EUGENE AUER MEMORIAL SCHOOL, Lake Grove	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
HAWKINS PATH SCHOOL, Selden	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
HOLBROOK ROAD SCHOOL, Centereach	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
JERICHO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, Centereach	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
NEWFIELD HIGH SCHOOL, Selden	7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
NEW LANE MEMORIAL SCHOOL, Selden	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
NORTH COLEMAN ROAD SCHOOL, Centereach	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
OXHEAD ROAD SCHOOL, Centereach	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
SELDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL, Centereach	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
STAGECOACH ROAD SCHOOL, Selden	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
UNITY DRIVE SCHOOL, Centereach	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
BICYCLE PATH SCHOOL, Selden	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law requires the School District to attach an exemption report to its proposed budget. Said exemption report, which will also become part of the final budget, will show how much of the total assessed value on the final assessment roll used in the budgetary process is exempt from taxation, list every type of exemption granted, identified by statutory authority, and show: (a) the cumulative impact of each type of exemption

expressed either as a dollar amount of assessed value or as a percentage of the total assessed value on the roll; (b) the cumulative amount expected to be received from recipients of each type of exemption as payments in lieu of taxes or other payments for municipal services; and (c) the cumulative impact of all exemptions granted. The exemption report shall be posted on any bulletin board maintained by the District for public notices and on any website maintained by the District.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the following propositions shall be voted upon at the annual budget vote and election:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the following proposition be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the 2023-2024 school budget, as submitted by the BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE MIDDLE COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AT CENTEREACH, be approved and the requisite portion thereof be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the School District.

The following shall also appear on the ballot:

To elect one (1) member of the Board of Education for a three (3) year term commencing July 1, 2023, and expiring on June 30, 2026 to succeed **DOREEN FELDMANN** whose term expires on June 30, 2023.

To elect one (1) member of the Board of Education for a three (3) year term commencing July 1, 2023, and expiring on June 30, 2026 to succeed **DEBORAH MANN-RODRIGUEZ** whose term expires on June 30, 2023.

To elect one (1) member of the Board of Education for a three (3) year term commencing July 1, 2023, and expiring on June 30, 2026 to succeed **KATHLEEN WALSH** whose term expires on June 30, 2023.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN, that the text of additional resolutions, if any, to be presented to the voters is available along with the budget statement at the times and places hereinabove mentioned and also at the School District Clerk's Office.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a petition for the submission of propositions by anyone other than the BOARD OF EDUCATION for which there are no specific statutory requirements may be

made upon a petition of the qualified voters of the School District, said petition to contain signatures of 149 qualified voters (representing five (5%) percent of the registered voters of the District who voted in the previous annual election of board members).

AND FURTHER NOTICE BEING GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with §2035 of the Education Law, any referenda or propositions to change the number of Board of Education members, or a bond issue for capital improvements, or any other petition required by law to be stated in the Notice of Annual Meeting and Election must be filed with the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Friday, March 17, 2023. Any other petition, except those petitions required by law to be stated in the Notice of Annual Meeting and Election, must be filed with the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time on Monday, April 17, 2023.

However, the School Board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, which is unlawful or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditure of monies is required by the proposition, or where other valid reason exists for excluding the proposition from the ballot.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the School District Clerk no later than Monday, April 17, 2023 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Prevailing Time.

The following vacancies are to be filled on the BOARD OF EDUCATION:

<u>TERM</u>	<u>LAST INCUMBENT</u>
Three (3) years	Doreen Feldmann
Three (3) years	Deborah Mann-Rodriguez
Three (3) years	Kathleen Walsh

Each vacancy on the Board of Education is a separate and specific office and a separate petition is required to nominate a candidate to each specific office. Each petition must be directed to the School District Clerk and must be signed by at least 59 qualified voters of the District (representing two (2%) percent of the voters who voted in the 2022 election for the members of the Board of Education), setting forth the name and residence of each signer, the name and residence of the candidate, the date of signing, and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated, including at least the term of office and the name of the last incumbent. No person shall be nominated by petition for more than one (1) office.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that candidates for the Board of Education will draw by lot on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., Prevailing Time, at the office of the District Clerk, to determine their position on the ballot.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that candidates for election to the Board of Education shall file sworn statements as to campaign expenditures with the School District Clerk and the Commissioner of Education if required in accordance with Section 1528 of the Education Law. The time for filing such statements shall be in accordance with Section 1529 of the Education Law which requires that:

(a) A first statement shall be filed on or before the thirtieth day next preceding the election to which it relates (April 17, 2023).

(b) A second statement shall be filed on or before the fifth day preceding the election to which it relates (May 11, 2023).

(c) A third statement shall be filed within twenty days next succeeding the election to which it relates (June 5, 2023).

VOTING will be by ballot on voting machines in the school houses designated in each of the separate school election districts heretofore established and the polls will remain open for voting from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., and as much longer as may be necessary for all voters present inside the polling site as of 9:00 p.m. to cast their votes.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the place in each Election District where said School District Election will be held, including a description of each Election District, is as follows:

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 1

Place of Election: CENTEREACH HIGH SCHOOL
14 43 Street, Centereach,
New York 11720

Description of Election District: All those portions of the Middle Country Central School District having U.S. Postal Service zip codes 11720, 11755, 11779 and 11790 zip codes.

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 2

Place of Election NEWFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
145 Marshall Drive, Selden
New York 11784

Description of Election District: All those portions of the Middle Country Central School District having U.S. Postal Service zip codes 11727, 11738, 11776, 11784 zip codes.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN, that pursuant to either Section 2014 of the Education Law or Article 5 of the Election Law, personal registration of voters is required. All persons who have heretofore registered pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law and, who shall have voted at any annual or special meeting or any election held or conducted during the last four (4) calendar years are eligible to vote at this election and are not required to register for the annual election to be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. Those persons who are not registered for any annual or special district

meeting or election, as above set forth, but who are currently registered pursuant to Section 352 of the Election Law and whose names appear on the central registration books of the Suffolk County Board of Elections, Yaphank, New York, are not required to register for said annual election to be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. Those persons disqualified from voting under the provisions of Section 5-106 of the Election Law shall be ineligible to vote in School District elections.

Registration is conducted daily at the Office of the School District Clerk between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Prevailing Time, Monday through Friday; and at each Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, between the hours of 6:45 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Prevailing Time, except that no registration will be permitted for purposes of voting at the May 16, 2023 annual school district election vote after Thursday, May 11, 2023.

The register will be filed in the Office of the School District Clerk. Beginning Thursday, May 11, 2023 such register will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of said School District on each of the five (5) days prior to and on the day set for the School District meeting, except Sunday or holidays, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on weekdays (as well as by appointment), and available on Saturday by appointment only.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the Middle Country Central School District at Centereach by requesting and returning a registration application to the District Clerk in person, by mail to District Administration Office, 8 43rd Street, Centereach, NY 11720, by email to slarkin@mccsd.net, or fax sent to 631-738-2719. The request for the registration application may include the military voter's preference for receipt of the registration application by either mail, fax or email. Military voter registration application forms must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 20, 2023.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military voters who are qualified voters of the Middle Country Central School District at Centereach, may request an application for a military ballot from the District Clerk in person, by mail to District Administration Office, 8 43rd Street, Centereach, NY 11720, by email to slarkin@mccsd.net, or fax sent to 631-738-2719. In such request, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application by mail, fax or email. A military voter must return the original military ballot application by mail or in person to the office of the District Clerk at District Administration Office, 8 43rd Street, Centereach, NY 11720. In order for a military voter to be issued a military ballot, a valid military ballot application must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., on April 20, 2023. Military ballot applications received in accordance with the foregoing will be processed in the same manner as a non-military ballot application under Section 2018-a of the Education Law. The application for military ballot may include the military voter's preference for receipt of the military ballot by mail, fax, or email.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, a military voter's original military ballot must be returned by mail or in person to the office of the District Clerk at District Administration Office, 8 43rd Street, Centereach, NY 11720. Military ballots shall be canvassed if they are received by the District Clerk before the close of polls on May 16, 2023 showing a cancellation mark of the United States Postal Service or a foreign country's postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the United States Government; or received not later than 5:00 p.m. on May 16, 2023 and signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereto, with a date which is ascertained to be not later than the day before the election.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN, that pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law, the Board of Registration will meet on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Prevailing Time, at each of the two (2) election districts to prepare the Register of the School District to

be used at the Budget Vote and Election to be held in 2024 and any special district meetings that may be held after the preparation of the Register. During this meeting, any person shall be entitled to have his or her name placed on the Register provided he/she is known or proven to the satisfaction of the Board of Registration to be entitled to vote at the school district election or special district meeting for which the Register is prepared and which is held after Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the School District Clerk shall also be present during the Annual Election and shall circulate throughout the school houses in the designated election districts for the purpose of preparing a register for School District elections held subsequent thereto.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that absentee voting will be permitted in accordance with Section 2018-a of the Education Law. All applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the Office of the School District Clerk beginning Monday, April 17, 2023. Beginning Thursday, May 11, 2023 a list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available during regular Office hours in the Office of the School District Clerk (between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing time) on each of the five days prior to the day of the election except Sunday or holidays, and available on Saturday by appointment only.

An application for an absentee ballot, on a form to be provided by the School District Clerk, shall be made to the School District Clerk, at least seven (7) days before the election, if the School District Clerk is to return the absentee ballot to the applicant by mail. If the applicant is to personally pick up the absentee ballot, the application must be received by the School District Clerk at least one (1) day before the election.

No absentee voter's ballot shall be canvassed, unless it shall have been received in the Office of the School District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., Prevailing Time, on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, the day of the election.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that this Board shall convene a special meeting thereof within twenty-four hours after the filing with the School District Clerk of a written report of the results of the ballot for the purpose of examining and tabulating said reports of the results of the ballot and declaring the result of the ballot.

Dated: Centereach, New York
March 8, 2023

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE MIDDLE
COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AT CENTEREACH,
SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

Stephanie Larkin
District Clerk

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