## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

## ELMSFORD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT ELMSFORD, COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Elmsford Union Free School District, Elmsford Westchester County, New York, will be held on May 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time, for the presentation of the budget document. Due to public health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Education will not be meeting in-person. As permitted under the Governor of the State of New York's Executive Order 202.15, such public hearing shall be conducted remotely. In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 202.1, the Board meeting will be held via videoconferencing, and a transcript will be provided at a later date. The public will have an opportunity to see and hear the meeting, including the public hearing, live and provide comments.

The School District will provide further information concerning how to see, hear and participate in the public hearing at a later date.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that said annual budget vote and election, also referred to as the annual district meeting, will be held remotely on June 9, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as required by the Governor of the State of New York's Executive Order 202.26, such annual budget vote and election shall be conducted by absentee ballot only.

The vote, by absentee ballot only, shall be upon the following items:

- 1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the 2020-2021 school year and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the School District.
- 2. To elect One (1) School Board Trustee, for one (1) three year term beginning on July 01, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2023.
- 3. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District hereby authorizes the following proposition to be put before the School District's voters at the Annual Meeting and Election that seeks approval to amend the Capital Reserve Fund authorized at the Annual Meeting and Election held on May 15, 2018 to increase the ultimate amount of the fund from Five Million (\$5,000,000) Dollars to Twenty Million (\$20,000,000) Dollars and to leave unchanged the probable term of such Capital Reserve Fund, the purposes of such Capital Reserve Fund and the source of funds that may be deposited into it.

4. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District be authorized to expend a total amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 from an existing Capital Reserve Fund established through the School District's Annual Meeting and Election held on May 17, 2016 to (1) reconstruct and upgrade the existing athletic fields at Alexander Hamilton High School to synthetic turf and install ancillary field equipment such as bleachers, fencing, walkways and game equipment; (2) replace exterior doors and windows at Alexander Hamilton High School; and (3) to pay for related costs associated with these projects and the costs for professional services for these projects.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for the 2020-2021 school year, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the School District during business hours beginning May 26, 2020, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, at the School District's Administrative Offices, 98 South Goodwin Avenue, Elmsford, NY upon prior appointment only, subject to any and all applicable laws, regulations and Executive Orders relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to social distancing requirements, as well as on the School District's website. A report of tax exemptions, showing how much of the total assessed value on the final assessment roll or rolls used in that budgetary process is exempt from taxation, shall be annexed to the budget document.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at the School District's administrative offices at 98 South Goodwin Avenue, Elmsford, NY not later than 4 p.m on May 11, 2020. Under Executive Order 202.26, there is no minimum requirement for signatures on nominating petitions; however, an individual must meet any other requirements to be placed on the ballot, including applicable residency and age requirements. Such nominating petition may be filed by regular mail, directed to the District Clerk, 98 South Goodwin Avenue, Elmsford, NY electronic mail, directed to the District Clerk at dcaperna@eufsd.org or in person, at the School District's administrative offices, directed to the District Clerk, subject to any and all applicable laws, regulations and Executive Orders relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to social distancing requirements.

Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large. Nominating petitions shall not describe any specific vacancy upon the Board for which the candidate is nominated.

In accordance with Part 122 of the Rules and Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot. Applications for military ballots for the election of one member of the Board of Education, for voting on the annual school district budget, and for voting on any propositions, may be requested from the District Clerk at 98 South Goodwin Avenue,

Elmsford, NY, by calling that office or by contacting the District Clerk via email dcaperna@eufsd.org. Upon such request for a military voter ballot application, such military voter may indicate his/her preference for receiving the application by mail, facsimile or electronic mail. Completed military ballot applications must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 14, 2020.

A list of all persons to whom military ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the School District in the office of the District Clerk between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. during the five (5) days prior to the election, except Sunday, and on June 9, 2020, the day set for the election, <u>upon prior appointment only</u>, subject to any and all applicable laws, regulations and Executive Orders relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to social distancing requirements.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that due to the COVID-19 emergency, the School District will not conduct the personal registration of voters for the June 9, 2020 election. Voters who have heretofore registered and voted at an election within the last four calendar years are eligible to vote at this election. All other qualified voters who wish to vote must register. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America; (2) 18 years of age or older; (3) a resident of the School District for 30 days preceding the annual vote and election; and (4) not otherwise prohibited from voting under the provisions of Section 5-106 of the Election Law.

A qualified voter may register to vote in the June 9, 2020 election by registering to vote with the Westchester County Board of Elections. You may contact the Westchester County Board of Elections for additional information at: Westchester County Board of Elections, 148 Martine Avenue, White Plains, New York 10601, or by calling (914) 995-2000, or by their website at: <a href="www.citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com/register-to-vote">www.citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com/register-to-vote</a>. You may also register through the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles website at <a href="https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application">https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application</a>

Military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the School District. Military voters may apply to register to vote with the District Clerk, by emailing the District Clerk at <a href="mailto:dcaperna@eufsd.org">dcaperna@eufsd.org</a>. Upon such request for a military voter application, such military voter may indicate his/her preference for receiving the application for registration by mail, facsimile or electronic mail. Such registration application must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 14, 2020. Any military voter shall be entitled to have his or her name placed upon such Register, provided he or she is known or proven to be to the satisfaction of the District Clerk to be then or thereafter entitled to military voter status at the annual meeting and election for which such Register is prepared.

To be counted, absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on the date of the election.

The register of all voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law will be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the School District at 98 South Goodwin Avenue,

Elmsford, NY and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the School District beginning five (5) days prior to the election, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. during the five (5) days prior to the election, except Sunday, and on June 9, 2020, the day set for the election, upon prior appointment only, subject to any and all applicable laws, regulations and Executive Orders relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to social distancing requirements. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such names, file a written challenge of the qualifications as a voter of any person whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for such challenge.

Diane Caperna

District Clerk

Dated: May 12, 2020 May 26, 2020