NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING OF THE WILLIAM FLOYD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE MASTICS-MORICHES-SHIRLEY, IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the William Floyd Union Free School District of the Mastics-Moriches-Shirley, in the County of Suffolk, New York, has adopted a resolution on January 21, 2025, authorizing a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District to be held on

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

from 6:00 o'clock A.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) in the lobby adjoining the auditorium of the William Floyd High School, 240 Mastic Beach Road, Mastic Beach, New York, for the purpose of voting upon the following Bond Proposition:

RESOLVED:

BOND PROPOSITION

(a) That the Board of Education of the William Floyd Union Free School District of the Mastics-Moriches-Shirley, in the County of Suffolk, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to undertake a District-wide Capital Improvement Plan (the "Project"), substantially as described in a plan prepared by the District with the assistance of John A. Grillo, Architects, which is on file and available for public inspection at the office of the District Clerk; including the construction of additions and/or alterations and improvements to District buildings and sites thereof, consisting of (as and where needed): the construction of new career and technical education (CTE), classroom, security, lobby, office, conference room, entranceway and restroom space; interior reconstruction and space reconfiguration to provide for new classroom, lab, CTE, lavatory and other space; parking lot and sidewalk enhancements; athletic and recreation improvements, including the construction of a new multi-purpose field and track with lighting and a scoreboard; new tennis courts; drainage upgrades and other improvements; all of the foregoing to include the original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$78,500,000; provided that the detailed costs of the components of the Project as set forth in the plan may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District;

(b) that the Board of Education of the District is authorized to expend \$21,000,000, plus any interest earnings thereon, from three (3) separate Capital Reserve Funds of the District, which were established on May 11, 2021, May 10, 2022 and May 14, 2024 respectively pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law, to pay a portion of the cost of the Project;

(c) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$57,500,000 to finance the balance of said estimated total cost, such tax to be levied by and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by said Board of Education; and in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$57,500,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable; and

(d) that District funds from current and/or future operations may be available to pay a portion of the cost, and any such funds expended therefor shall offset and reduce the amount of taxes herein authorized to be levied and the amount of bonds herein authorized to be issued.

Such Bond Proposition shall appear on the ballots used for voting at said Special District Meeting in substantially the following condensed form:

BOND PROPOSITION

YES

NO

<u>RESOLVED</u>:

(a) That the Board of Education of the William Floyd Union Free School District of the Mastics-Moriches-Shirley is hereby authorized to undertake District-wide Capital Improvement Plan (the "Project"), substantially as described in a plan prepared by the District with the assistance of John A. Grillo, Architects, and to expend therefor an amount not to exceed \$78,500,000; (b) that the Board of Education of the District is authorized to expend \$21,000,000, plus any interest earnings thereon, from three (3) separate Capital Reserve Funds of the District, which were established on May 11, 2021, May 10, 2022 and May 14, 2024 respectively pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law, to pay a portion of the cost of the Project; (c) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$57.500,000 to finance the balance of said cost, such tax to be levied by and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by said Board of Education; and in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$57,500,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable; and (d) that District funds from current and/or future operations may be available to pay a portion of the cost, and any such funds expended therefor shall offset and reduce the amount of taxes herein authorized to be levied and the amount of bonds herein authorized to be issued.

The voting will be conducted by ballot on voting machines or paper ballots as provided in the Education Law and the polls will remain open from 6:00 o'clock A.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their ballots.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to Education Law §2014, personal registration of voters is required, and no person shall be entitled to vote at the Special District Meeting whose name does not appear on the register of the District. The register of the qualified voters of said School District prepared at the Annual Meeting and Election held on May 21, 2024, shall be used as the basis for the preparation of the register for said Special District Meeting to be held on March 26, 2025. Any person whose name appears on such register or who shall have been previously registered for any annual or special District meeting or election and who shall have voted at any annual or special District meeting or election held or conducted at any time since January 1, 2021, will not be required to register personally for this Special District Meeting. In addition, any person otherwise qualified to vote who is registered with the Board of Elections of Suffolk County pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law shall be entitled to vote at said Special District Meeting without further registration.

NOTICE is also given that prospective voters may be registered in the District Clerk's Office, at the William Floyd High School, 240 Mastic Beach Road, Mastic Beach, New York, on each day that the District Clerk's Office is open, prior to March 18, 2025, between the hours of 9:30 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. (Prevailing Time).

NOTICE is also given that the Board of Registration will meet at the District Office, 240 Mastic Beach Road, Mastic Beach, New York, on Friday, March 21, 2025, from 9:00 o'clock A.M. to 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) for the purpose of preparing a register of the qualified voters of the District for said Special District Meeting, at which time any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he/she is known or proven to the satisfaction of such Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at said Special District Meeting.

Immediately upon completion, the register of the School District, as well as the register of qualified voters of the District prepared by the Board of Elections of Suffolk County, will be filed in the office of the District Clerk, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 9:00

o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) each of the five (5) days prior to the day set for the Special District Meeting, except Sunday, and on Saturday, March 22, 2025, by appointment only.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots in the form prescribed by Section 2018-a of the Education Law may be applied for during school business hours at the Office of the District Clerk. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than Wednesday, March 19, 2025. If the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter at the office of the District Clerk, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than Tuesday, March 25, 2025. No absentee voter's ballot shall be canvassed unless it is received in office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on the day of the Special District Meeting.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available for public inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk during regular school business hours on each of the five (5) days prior to the day set for the Special District Meeting, except Saturday and Sunday.

NOTICE that pursuant to Section 2018-e of the Education Law, applications for early mail ballots may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk of the District during all days in which the District is in session. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than February 24, 2025 and by March 19, 2025, if the early mail ballot is to be mailed to the voter. If the early mail ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter at the Office of the District Clerk the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than March 25, 2025. No early mail voter's ballot will be canvassed unless it has been received in the Office of the District no later than 5:00 P.M. (Prevailing Time) on March 26, 2025. A list of all persons to whom early ballots have been issued will be available in the Office of the District Clerk's office during office hours on and after March 20, 2025 until March 25, 2025, except on Saturday March 22, 2025, by prearranged appointment by contacting the District Clerk at (631) 874-1117 or via email at cvisintin@wfsd.k12.ny.us. A challenge to an early ballot may not be made on the basis that the voter should have applied for an absentee ballot.

NOTICE is also given that military voters who are not currently registered to vote may apply to register as a qualified voter of the District by contacting the District Clerk at the William Floyd High School, 240 Mastic Beach Road, Mastic Beach, New York by telephone (631) 874-1117, or email: cvisintin@wfsd.k12.ny.us to receive an application to register as a qualified voter of the District for the Annual Election and Budget Vote. Military voters may indicate their preference for receiving the registration application by mail, by facsimile, or electronic mail (email). The application to register must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 o'clock PM February 28, 2025. An individual will qualify as a military voter if he or she (1) is a qualified voter of the State of New York, who is in actual military service, and is absent from the District on the day of registration or election or is discharged from service within 30 days of an election; or (2) a spouse, parent, child, or dependent of such service member who is a qualified voter and is absent due to the service of the military member. Military ballots may be applied for during school business hours at the office of the District Clerk. Military ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 o'clock P.M (Prevailing Time). on the day of the election in order to be canvassed. In order for a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the school district must have received in the office of the school district clerk a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. on February 28, 2025. A military voter may designate a preference to receive a military voter registration, military ballot application or military ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail in their request for such registration, ballot application, or ballot. Such designation shall remain in effect until revoked or changed by the military voter. Ballots for military voters shall be mailed, or otherwise distributed, no later than March 1, 2025. Military ballots must be received by the District Clerk (1) before the close of the polls on election day and showing a cancellation mark of the U.S. postal service or a foreign country's postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the U.S. government or (2) by 5:00 o'clock P.M. on election day and signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereof, with a date which is ascertained to be not later than the day before the election.

NOTICE is also given that a list of all persons to whom military ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the said Office of the District Clerk during

regular office hours, 9:00 o'clock A.M. to 4:00 o'clock P.M., prevailing time, until the day of the Annual District Meeting and Election.

Only qualified voters who are duly registered will be permitted to vote.

BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION Dated: January 21, 2025

> Carolyn Visintin District Clerk