

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION
OF THE HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
HEMPSTEAD, NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing of the qualified voters of the Hempstead Union Free School District, Nassau County, Hempstead, New York will be held at the Alverta B. Gray Schultz (hereinafter "ABGS") Middle School Bandbox, 70 Greenwich Street, Hempstead, New York, in said school district on May 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time, for the transaction of business as authorized by the Education Law, including the following items:

1. To present to the voters a detailed statement (proposed budget) of the amount of money which will be required for the 2026-2027 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 19, 2026.
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.

A copy of the proposed budget shall be made available, upon request, to residents of the school district beginning May 5, 2026, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., prevailing time, except Saturday, Sunday, or holidays, at each of the schools in the District.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that said Budget Vote and Election will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, at ABGS Middle School, 70 Greenwich Street, Hempstead, New York at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2026-2027 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

2. To elect one (1) member of the Board of Education, for a three (3) year term commencing July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2029.

3. Shall the Board of Education, pursuant to Education Law Section 3651, be authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund known as the "Hempstead Union Free School District 2026 Capital Reserve Fund," effective May 19, 2026, for a probable term of five (5) years in an ultimate amount of Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000), plus accrued interest, whose purpose shall be to fund in whole or in part, capital improvements to the facilities of the District, including but not limited to reconstruction, rehabilitation and/or replacement of roofs District-wide; interior and exterior renovation, upgrades and/or reconstruction of District-wide facilities; reconstruction, upgrades and/or improvements to the District athletic facilities, fields and related structures; District-wide site work; District-wide Safety, Security and Technology improvements, rehabilitation and/or installation; District-wide Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing and HVAC improvements, rehabilitation, and/or installation; the purchasing of furnishings and equipment, and all related costs, ancillary and related work, funded by a transfer of Nineteen Million, Six Hundred Forty-Five Thousand, Five Hundred and Two Dollars (\$19,645,502) from the "Hempstead Union Free School District 2019 Capital Reserve Fund," approved by the voters of the District on May 21, 2019, budgetary appropriations, surplus funds, amounts from certain other reserve funds as authorized by law, surplus monies remaining in the general fund and/or from existing reserves in the current and future fiscal year, and the interest accrued on such funds over the term of the capital reserve fund until the maximum amount of thirty (\$30,000,000) million is reached?

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law, the School District is required to attach to its proposed budget an exemption report. 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.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that beginning seven (7) days immediately preceding the May 12, 2026, public budget hearing, any resident in the District may request to review a copy of the proposed budget by appearing at the Office of the District Clerk, 185 Peninsula Boulevard, Hempstead, New York. Additionally, a statement of the estimated expenses for the ensuing year may be obtained by any resident in the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding said election on the school district website www.hempsteadschools.org, at the Hempstead Public Library during its normal hours of operation, located at 115 James A. Garner Way, Hempstead, New York, at the School District Administrative Center, 185 Peninsula Boulevard, Hempstead, New York, and at each of the following school buildings in which school is maintained between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., prevailing time, except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays:

Hempstead High School
ABGS Middle School
Barack Obama Elementary School
David Paterson Elementary School
Jackson Elementary School
Joseph A. McNeil Elementary School
Prospect Elementary School
Rhodes Academy Elementary School

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 her office in the Administration Building, 185 Peninsula Boulevard, Hempstead, New York, not later than Monday, April 20, 2026, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing time. 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; must be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least 34 qualified voters of the District (representing the greater of 25 or two percent of the voters who voted in the 2025 annual election); must state the name and residence of each signer; and must state the name and residence of the candidate.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that personal registration of voters is required either pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law or pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law and has voted at an annual or special district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years, he or she is eligible to vote at this election. If a voter is registered and eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he or she is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register.

The Board of Registration will meet for the purpose of registering all qualified voters of the District pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law, at ABGS Middle School, 70 Greenwich Street, Hempstead, New York, on May 12, 2026, Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., prevailing time, to add any additional names to the Register to be used at the aforesaid election, at which time any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such Register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of said Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such election for which the register is prepared. The register so prepared pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law will be filed in the Office of the District Clerk, 185 Peninsula Boulevard, Hempstead, New York, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District beginning on Thursday, May 14, 2026, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time, on weekdays, and each day prior to the day set for the election, except Sunday, and on Saturday, May 16, 2026, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., and at the polling place(s) on the day of the vote.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the Hempstead Union Free School District by requesting and returning a registration application

to the District Clerk in person, by mail to the office of the District Clerk at **185 Peninsula Boulevard, Hempstead, NY 11550**, by email to akeys@hempsteadschools.org, or by fax sent to 516-486-0742. 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 Thursday, April 23, 2026.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military voters who are qualified voters of the Hempstead Union Free School District, may request an application for a military ballot from the District Clerk in person, by mail to the office of the District Clerk at **185 Peninsula Boulevard, Hempstead, NY 11550**, by email to akeys@hempsteadschools.org, or by fax sent to 516-486-0742. 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 **185 Peninsula Boulevard, Hempstead, NY 11550**. 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 Thursday, April 23, 2026. 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 a military ballot may include the military voter's preference for receipt of the military ballot by mail, fax, or email. A military voter's original military ballot application and military ballot must be returned by mail or in person to the office of the District Clerk at **185 Peninsula Boulevard, Hempstead, NY 11550**.

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 **185 Peninsula Boulevard, Hempstead, NY 11550**. Military ballots shall be canvassed if they are received by the District Clerk before the close of polls on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 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 Tuesday, May 19, 2026 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.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law of the State of New York, the Board of Registration will meet on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, at the ABGS Middle School, 70 Greenwich Street, Hempstead, New York to prepare the Register of the School District to be used at the Budget Vote and Election to be held in 2027 and any special district meetings that may be held after the preparation of said Register, at which time any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such Register provided that at such meeting of said Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of such Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school election for which said Register is prepared, or any special district meeting held after Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that qualified voters with disabilities who seek information about access to polling places may, in advance of the day of the vote, contact the District Clerk at 516-4964-4002 for information about accessibility.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that applications for absentee and early mail ballots will be obtainable during school business hours from the District Clerk beginning Monday, April 20, 2026 (Applications will be posted on the district website beginning April 1, 2026). In accordance with Education Law §2018-a and 2018-e, completed absentee and early mail ballot applications may not be received by the District Clerk earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day before the election, *i.e.*, Monday, April 20, 2026 and must be received by the District Clerk no later than seven (7) days before the election, *i.e.*, Tuesday, May 12, 2026, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, *i.e.*, Monday, May 18, 2026, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter or the agent named in the absentee or early mail ballot application. Absentee and early mail ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued, and a list of all persons to whom early mail voter's ballots shall have been issued, will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk on and after Thursday, May 14, 2026, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., on weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election, on Saturday, May 16, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. by appointment (an

appointment must be scheduled by Monday, May 11, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. by contacting the District Clerk via phone at **516-434-4002** or by email at akeys@hempsteadschools.org, and on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, the day set for the election. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such lists, file a written challenge of the qualifications as a voter of any person whose name appears on such lists, stating the reasons for such challenge. Any such written challenge shall be transmitted by the District Clerk or a designee of the Board of Education to the inspectors of election on the day of the election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a Policy 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, Board of Education at the Administration Building, 185 Peninsula Boulevard, Hempstead, New York on or before Friday, March 20, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing time. 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 at 185 Peninsula Boulevard, Hempstead, New York, no later than 4:00 p.m., prevailing time on Monday, April 20, 2026. All such petitions must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least eighty-five (85) qualified voters of the District (representing the greater of 25 or 5% of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election); and must legibly state the name of each signer. However, the Board of Education 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.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that those voters seeking information regarding this Budget Vote and Election in Spanish should contact the Office of the District Clerk at 516-4964-40021.

Dated: Hempstead, New York

MARCH 27, 2026

By Order of the
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE
SCHOOL DISTRICT
Hempstead, New York
April Keys, District Clerk