

**NOTICE OF
ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING (MAY 7, 2026)
and ANNUAL ELECTION AND VOTE
ON BUDGET (MAY 19, 2026)
ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT,
TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK**

NOTICE is hereby given that a public budget hearing will be held in Elwood Middle School, 100 Kenneth Avenue, Greenlawn, Town of Huntington, County of Suffolk, New York, in said district on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of considering the annual budget and tax levy of the Elwood Union Free School District for the school year beginning July 1, 2026.

NOTICE is hereby given that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes may be obtained by any resident in the district at each school house and at the Office of the District Clerk in the district between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on each day other than a Saturday, Sunday or holiday during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the Budget Vote/Annual Election to be held May 19, 2026, as set forth below.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Budget Vote/Annual Election of said district will be held in the Cafeteria of the Elwood Middle School, 100 Kenneth Avenue, Greenlawn, Town of Huntington, Suffolk County, New York in the district on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, for the following purposes:

1. To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education for a term of three (3) years.
2. To vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the expenditures of the district for the school year beginning July 1, 2026.

3. To vote upon such propositions as may lawfully come before the voters at such election.

The polls will be open between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. The voting shall be by ballot or voting machines and/or by paper ballots at the discretion of the Board of Education.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the following Proposition in substantially the following form shall be presented to the qualified voters of the District at such Annual District Meeting and Election:

PROPOSITION

RESOLVED:

SHALL the Board of Education of the Elwood Union Free School District be authorized to expend up to \$350,000 from the capital reserve fund established on May 15, 2018 for the purpose of performing the following projects: (a) installation of door ajar alarm system for Elwood-John H. Glenn High School, Elwood Middle School, James H. Boyd Intermediate School and Harley Avenue Primary School; (b) purchase of District wide vehicle for the Maintenance department; and (c) installation of lacrosse netting for Elwood-John H. Glenn High School Football Field; all of the foregoing to include all labor, materials, equipment, apparatus and incidental costs related thereto.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that applications for absentee and early mail ballots may be applied for at the Office of the District Clerk, located in the Administrative Offices of the Elwood School District, 100 Kenneth Avenue, Greenlawn, New York 11740. An application for an absentee or early mail ballot must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than thirty (30) days before the Annual Election. An application for an absentee or early mail ballot on the form prescribed by Section 2018-a of the Education Law, respectively, must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the Annual Election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the Annual Budget Vote/Election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter or his/her designated agent. Upon receiving a timely application for a mailed absentee or early mail ballot, the district Clerk will mail the ballot to the address designated on the application by no later than six (6) days before the Annual Election.

A list of all persons to whom absentee and early mail ballots shall have been issued shall be filed in the Office of the District Clerk, where it shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours until the day of the election. Any qualified voter may challenge the qualifications as a voter of any person on such list, in the manner provided in Section 2018-a of the Education Law. A challenge to an absentee ballot may not be made on the basis that the voter should have applied for an early mail ballot.

No absentee or early mail voter's ballot shall be canvassed, unless it shall have been received in the Office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on the date of the Annual Budget Vote/Election.

Candidates for the office of Member of the Board of Education may be nominated only by petition directed to the District Clerk signed by at least thirty-six (36) qualified voters of the district, stating the residence of each signer and the name and residence of the candidate. Each petition shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. not later than Monday, April 20, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. A drawing of lots to determine the order in which the candidate's names shall appear on the ballot will be conducted the following day by the District Clerk at the district office at Elwood, New York, in accordance with Section 2032 of the Education Law.

NOTICE is hereby given, that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the school district. Military voters who are qualified voters of the school district may submit an application for a military ballot. Military voters 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. Military voter registration application forms must be received in the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 23, 2026. Military ballot applications must be

received in the Office of the District Clerk by mail or in person by no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 23, 2026. No military ballot will be canvassed unless it is returned by mail or in person and (1) received in the Office of the District Clerk before the close of the polls on election day and 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 (2) received by the Office of the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 p.m. on election day and signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereto, with a date which is associated be not later than the day before the election.

NOTICE is hereby given that residents of the school district who wish to register to vote may do so by presenting themselves personally before the District Clerk, in the Elwood District Office, located at 100 Kenneth Avenue, Greenlawn, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on any day that school is in session during the regular school year except the five (5) days preceding the Annual Election, or no later than May 14, 2026.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Registration shall meet on Wednesday, May 13, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Elwood Middle School at which time any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such registration list, provided that he/she is known, or proven to the satisfaction of the Board of Registration, to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the Annual Budget Vote/Election for which such register is prepared.

The register so prepared will be filed in the Office of the District Clerk where it shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on each of the five days prior to the day set for the election, except Sunday, and by prior appointment only on Saturday, May 16, 2026 and the register shall also be open for inspection at the polling place on the day of the election.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Registration and the District Clerk will also meet

in the Cafeteria of the Elwood Middle School, 100 Kenneth Avenue, Greenlawn, Town of Huntington, Suffolk County, New York during the hours for voting on the day of the Annual Budget Vote/Election for the purpose of preparing a register of the qualified voters of said district for meetings and elections held subsequent to said Annual Budget Vote/Election.

All persons who shall have been previously registered in this district for any Annual or Special District Election and who shall have voted at any Annual or Special District Election held at any time within the four calendar years (2022-2025) prior to the preparation of this register, and/or persons who are registered and remain qualified to vote at general elections within this school district pursuant to the provisions of Article 5 of the Election Law, as amended, need not register again to be eligible to vote at said Annual Budget Vote/Election to be held on May 19, 2026. Except as otherwise provided in Section 2019-a of the Education Law, only qualified voters who shall have been duly registered shall be permitted to vote at such Annual District Election.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Education shall convene a special meeting thereof within twenty-four (24) hours after the filing with the District Clerk of a written report of the results of the ballot and declaring the result of the ballot; that the Board hereby designates itself to be a set of poll clerks to cast and canvass ballots pursuant to Education Law Section 2019-a subdivision 2b at said special meeting of the Board.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE “A Real Property Tax Exemption Report” prepared in accordance with Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law will be annexed to any tentative/preliminary budget as well as the final adopted budget of which it will form a part; and shall be posted on District bulletin board(s) maintained for public notices, as well as on the District’s website.”

Dated: April 30, 2026

Greenlawn, New York

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION,
ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT,
TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK,
NEW YORK

Mary Lou Marx
District Clerk