

LEGAL NOTICE
SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN a public hearing of the qualified voters of the South Country Central School District, Town of Brookhaven, County of Suffolk, New York will be held at the South Country Central School District Administration Building, 189 North Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, New York, on June 9, 2026 at 6:15 p.m. prevailing time, for the transaction of business as authorized by the Education Law, including the following items:

- 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.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the budget vote of the South Country Central School District, Town of Brookhaven, New York, will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. prevailing time at Bellport Middle School, 35 Kreamer Street, Bellport, New York.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following shall be voted upon:

- 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;

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 (631) 730-1542 for information about accessibility.

AND FURTHER 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 taxpayer in the district upon request and at the District Office of the South Country Central School from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., except Saturdays, Sundays or holidays, beginning June 2, 2026.

A copy of such statement will also be available on the school district website www.southcountry.org, at the South Country Library, located at 22 Station Road, Bellport, New York, or Brookhaven Free Library, located at 273 Beaver Dam Road, Brookhaven, New York, during their normal hours of operation, at the School District Administrative Center, 189 Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, New York, and at each of the following school buildings in which school is maintained between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time, except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays:

Bellport High School
Bellport Middle School
Frank P. Long Intermediate School
Brookhaven Elementary School
Kreamer Street Elementary School
Verne W. Critz Elementary School
South Haven Early Childhood Center

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that personal registration of voters is required either pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law or pursuant to Article 5 of the New York State Election Law. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to Section 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.

Registration shall be conducted for the purpose of registering all qualified voters of the District pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law through June 12, 2026, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time, on all regular days during which the Office of the District Clerk is in operation, located at the Office of the District Clerk, District Office, 189 Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, New York at which time any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such register, provided that at such time he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of said District Clerk to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such election for which the register is prepared.

The Board of Registration will also meet for the purpose of registering all qualified voters of the District pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law on June 12, 2026, at the Office of the District Clerk, District Office, 189 Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, New York between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. prevailing time, on weekdays, to add any additional names to the Register to be used at the aforesaid election, at which times 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, District Office, 189 Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, New York and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District on June 12, 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, June 14, 2026, **by appointment only**, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and at the polling place on the day of the vote.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee and early mail ballots may be requested in person or by mail between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter in the District Office. Absentee and early mail ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Tuesday, June 16, 2026.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots, early mail ballots, and military ballots have been issued will be available for public inspection to qualified voters of the district in the Office of the District Clerk on and after June 11, 2026 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays until of the day of the budget vote and election. Any qualified voter may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds for making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a military voter who received a military ballot for the annual meeting and election, shall be entitled to receive a military ballot pursuant to the provisions of the Education Law without making separate application for such military ballot. A military voter's original military ballot must be returned by mail or in person to the Office of the District Clerk, 189 Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, New York 11772. Military ballots shall be canvassed if they are received by the District Clerk before 5:00 p.m. on June 16, 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 June 16, 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 only qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen years of age or older, and (3) a resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the annual vote and election.

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 (631) 730-1542.

Christine Flynn

District Clerk of the Board of Education
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