

WCUUSD AUGUST 11TH VOTING FACT SHEET

THE BALLOT QUESTION:

Shall WCUUSD amend Article 4 (School Closures) of its Articles of Agreement?

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR VOTERS?

- ❖ This vote is happening because petitioners attained enough signatures, of 5% or higher of the WCUUSD registered voters, to ask the rest of the WCUUSD registered voters to vote on whether or not to make changes to Article 4. The board voted to hold the special election on August 11th, 2026
- ❖ This vote is to change the current Article 4 (changed language is bolded)
 - In academic year years 2021-2022 and after through 2026-2027, the New Union District Board shall not close any school building or cease using the building to provide direct instruction in at least one grade, prekindergarten through grade 12, unless first approved by both a majority of the Union District Board and the voters residing in the town in which the school is located.
 - To a revised Article 4:
 - In academic year 2027-2028 and after, the New Union District Board shall not close any school building or cease using the building to provide direct instruction in at least one grade, prekindergarten through grade 12, unless first approved by both a majority of the Union District Board and the voters of the New Union District. The vote to close a school for the 2027-2028 school year may occur prior to the beginning of that year, with the closure effective on or after June 30, 2027.
- ❖ This vote is specifically to allow all registered voters of the WCUUSD to vote to close individual schools and changes the process so that it is not only the community where the school is located that votes on whether or not to keep the school open.
- ❖ This vote does not address, nor make any changes to the current model of configuration of schools and/or movement of students within the school buildings. That procedure is and has been determined by the district leadership team, administration and the superintendent.
- ❖ Registered voters may request an absentee ballot by contacting their town clerk directly or vote in person on August 11th.
- ❖ The board does not currently have any plans or proposals to take any actions based upon the changes that might occur with this vote