Washington Central Unified Union School District

Fact Sheet for August 11th Special Election

Provided by the WCUUSD School Board

What is the Ballot Question?

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

Why is this vote taking place?

This vote is taking place because petitioners collected enough signatures from at least 5% of the registered voters in WCUUSD to require a district-wide vote on whether to make changes to Article 4. The board voted to hold the special election on August 11th, 2026.

What does Article 4 currently say?

In academic years 2021-2023 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.

What change is being proposed?

The ballot asks voters to amend Article 4 to read: 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 the 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.

What would change if the amendment is approved?

This vote is about who gets to vote on whether a school closes. Right now, only the registered voters in the town where a school is located can vote on closing that school. If the amendment is approved, all registered voters across the WCUUSD will be able to vote on whether to close any school in the district.

What would *not* change?

This vote does not change the current configuration of schools or where students attend school. Decisions about school configuration and movement of students between schools continue to be made by the district's leadership team, administration, and superintendent. Those decisions are not affected by this vote.

Does the school board have plans to close schools?

The board does not currently have any plans or proposals to take any actions based on the outcome of this vote.

How can I vote?

Registered voters may vote in person on August 11th or request an absentee ballot by contacting their town clerk directly.