

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE, AND ELECTION
ALEXANDRIA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the annual public hearing of the qualified voters of the Alexandria Central School District, Jefferson County, and Alexandria Bay, New York will be held in the Alexandria Central School Auditorium in said District on May 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time, for the presentation of the budget. The budget will be available for review on May 7, 2024.

The annual meeting of the qualified voters of the Alexandria Central School, Jefferson County, New York will be held in Room 260 of the School Building located at 34 Bolton Avenue, Alexandria Bay, New York, on May 21, 2024 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by paper ballot upon the following items:

1. Shall the Board of Education of the Alexandria Central School District be authorized to adopt the annual budget of the Alexandria Central School District for the fiscal year 2024-2025 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District?
2. Shall the Board of Education of the Alexandria Central School District be authorized to issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time, in the principal amount **not to exceed \$300,000**, or so much thereof as may be necessary, and apply a grant awarded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of seven-hundred ten thousand dollars together with any other aid received by the District and the proceeds of such bonds, notes, to purchase two student transport vehicles and one passenger vehicle, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto, at a cost not to exceed one-million ten-thousand dollars, which is the estimated maximum cost of such vehicles, and levy a tax upon the taxable property of the District to pay principal, in an amount not to exceed three-hundred thousand dollars as indicated above, and interest on such bonds and notes, to be levied and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law?
3. To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education for a term each of three (3) years commencing on July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the school district's budget for 2024-2025 school year for school purposes may be obtained by any resident of the district during business hours between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the annual meeting and election beginning May 7, 2024, except Saturday, Sunday, or holidays, at the District Offices, 34 Bolton Avenue, Alexandria Bay, New York. Also, a copy of the district budget may be found on the School District website at www.alexandriacentral.org.

NOTICE IS FURTHER 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 the District Office, 34 Bolton Avenue, not later than 5:00 p.m. on April 22, 2024.

The following vacancies are to be filled on the Board of Education:

Two (2) Board seats for terms of 3-years (current incumbents are Timothy Davidson and Heather Lavarney) commencing July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and shall be signed by at least 25 voters, must state the name and residence of the candidate, and shall describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated. The 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) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote on the budget and election to provide proof of residency pursuant to Education Law §2018-c. The District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name, and address.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that qualified voters of the District may obtain applications for an absentee ballot or an early voting ballot from the office of the Clerk of the District. Completed applications must be received by the Clerk of the District no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 20, 2024 and must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 14, 2024 if the absentee ballot or an early voting ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Completed applications received after 4:00 p.m. on May 14, 2024 will require the voter to personally appear at the office of the Clerk of the District to receive an absentee ballot or an early voting ballot. A listing of all persons to whom an absentee ballot or an early voting ballot is issued will be available for inspection by any qualified voter in the office of the Clerk of the District between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. during each of the 5 business days prior to the election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that military ballots may be applied for by qualified voters by requesting an application from the District Clerk at 315-482-9971 or rgill@acsghosts.org. Completed applications for military ballots must be received by the Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 25, 2024. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail.

Renee Gill
School District Clerk

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