

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THE 2020-2021 ANNUAL BUDGET, SEPARATE PROPOSITIONS AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE MEXICO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND VOTE ON THE ANNUAL BUDGET.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 2, 2020, the Board of Education (the "Board of Education") of the Mexico Central School District (the "School District") will conduct a public hearing via Zoom teleconferencing for the purpose of discussing the statement of the amount of money which will be required for school purposes for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, specifying the several purposes and the amount for each (the "Budget"). In accordance with Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.15, the District will conduct its hearing on the proposed District Budget by tele/video-conferencing, and in-person attendance will not be permitted due to the COVID-19 public health crisis. The tele/video-conferencing number may be accessed on the District's internet website at: www.mexicocsd.org

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that detailed copies of the Budget, together with the appendages required by Section 1716 of the Education Law and the text of any proposition that will be presented to the voters may be obtained by any taxpayer of the School District at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools located at the District Office, 16 Fravor Road, Mexico, NY, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on any day during the fourteen (14) day period immediately preceding June 9, 2020 other than a Saturday, Sunday or holiday and on the School District's internet website at: <http://www.mexicocsd.org>

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN in accordance with Section 495 of the N.Y. Real Property Tax Law, that the School District shall prepare a Real Property Tax "Exemption Report" which shall show how much of the assessed value on the final assessment roll (utilized for the school tax levy) is exempt from taxation by the School District. This exemption report will list every type of exemption granted and will show: (1) the cumulative impact of each type of exemption; (2) the cumulative amount expected to be received as payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTS), or other payments, from recipients of each type of exemption; and (3) the cumulative impact of all exemptions granted. This Exemption Report will be posted on the School District's website and on School District bulletin boards utilized for posting public notices. The Exemption Report will be annexed to any preliminary School District budget, and shall become part of the final budget. This Exemption Report will be posted on the District's website no later than May 26, 2020, and on District bulletin boards utilized for posting public notices. The Exemption Report will be annexed to any preliminary District budget, and shall become part of the final budget.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that in accordance with Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.26, all voting will take place remotely via absentee ballot upon the matters hereinafter set forth:

- (1) To elect three (3) members of the Board of Education to fill the following vacancies: James Emery, Susan Teifke, and Darlene Upcraft
- (2) To vote upon the adoption of the School District's 2020-2021 budget, which will appear as **Budget Proposition** on the School District ballot.
- (3) To vote upon the adoption of the proposition for Student Transportation Vehicles, which will appear as **Proposition No. 1** on the School District ballot.

PROPOSITION No. 1 Student Transportation Vehicles

Shall the Board of Education purchase and finance seven (7) student transportation vehicles at an estimated cost not to exceed \$710,000, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto and to expend a total sum not to exceed \$710,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and levy a tax for the foregoing in the amount of \$710,000, which shall be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, bonds and notes of the District are hereby authorized to be issued at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$710,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said obligations when due.

- (4) To vote upon the adoption of the proposition for a School Based Health Center, which will appear as **Proposition No. 2** on the School District Ballot

PROPOSITION No. 2 School Based Health Center

Shall the Board of Education undertake a project consisting of renovations, reconfiguration and improvements to the Mexico Elementary School to create a School Based Health Center, including office space, storage area, restroom access, waiting area, MEP and security updates, related site improvements, original furnishings, fixtures and equipment (the "Project") and expend a total sum not to exceed \$525,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, using up to \$150,000 from the District's capital reserve fund and the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district to be collected in annual installments in the years and in the amounts as the Board of Education shall determine and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, bonds and notes of the District are hereby authorized to be issued at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$525,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said obligations when due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be nominated by petition, and that a separate petition is required to nominate each candidate. Every petition must (i) be directed to the Board Clerk; (ii) state the name and residence of the candidate; and (iii) be filed c/o the Board Clerk, Mexico District Office, 16 Fravor Road, Mexico, NY , between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. local time, daily, and no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2020. Petition forms may be obtained on the District website.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the School District has established personal registration of voters. Therefore, only registered voters, who are legally “qualified” to vote, may vote on June 9, 2020. To be a “qualified voter” a person must be a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, and a legal resident of the School District for a period of 30 days immediately prior to June 9, 2020. To be properly registered to vote, persons seeking to vote must:

- (1) Register to vote by June 4, 2020 with the School District at the place and time specified below, provided that the person is known or proven to the satisfaction of the district clerk to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the Annual District Meeting and Election for which the register is prepared; or
- (2) Have been previously placed upon such register and who have voted at any annual or special district meeting or election held or conducted during the calendar years 2016, 2017, 2018 or 2019; or
- (3) Be registered with the Oswego County Board of Elections to vote in general elections, pursuant to the provisions of Article 5 of the Election Law. Potential voters can register with the board of elections by filing an online application with the Department of Motor Vehicles (“DMV”) which will enable the District to identify the qualified voter and transmit an absentee ballot to the voter for this election. The online DMV voter registration information can be accessed at this website: <https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application>

Voter Registration:

Registration of otherwise unregistered voters shall take place at the District Office, 16 Fravor Rd. Suite A, Mexico, New York, between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. on any day when school is in session up to but not later than 2:00 P.M. on June 4, 2020.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that in accordance with Executive Order 202.26, the vote and election will take place remotely due to the COVID-19 health emergency.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that absentee ballots will be automatically mailed to all qualified voters of the District. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk during regular

office hours, until the day of the election. Qualified voters who wish to inspect the registration list must arrange an appointment for same with the District Clerk by calling (315) 963-8400 or by emailing lskotnis@mexicocsd.org. No absentee voter's ballot shall be canvassed unless it shall have been received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the Election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the complete register of voters of the School District will be filed in at the District Office and that such register will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the School District between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on each of the five (5) days prior to Tuesday, June 9, 2020, except Saturdays and Sundays. Qualified voters who wish to inspect the registration list must arrange an appointment for same with the District Clerk by calling (315) 963-8400 or by emailing lskotnis@mexicocsd.org.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION OF THE MEXICO CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF OSWEGO,
NEW YORK.**

LeAnn M. Skotniski

District Clerk