

PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL VOTERS IN THE BOROUGHES OF ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS AND HIGHLANDS IN MONMOUTH COUNTY

This notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:12-7. A Special School Election will be held September 26, 2023, between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. to vote on a proposal.

THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR THE SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

To vote in Monmouth County, you must be a United States citizen, you will be 18 years of age by the next election, you will be a resident of the State and County 30 days before the election, and you are NOT currently serving a sentence of incarceration due to a conviction for an indictable offense under any federal or State laws. Registration deadline is 21 days before an election.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

Registration of voters will be conducted at the Office of Commissioner of Registration/Superintendent of Elections, Monmouth County Special Services Complex, 300 Halls Mill Road, Freehold, each weekday between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm; or at the municipal offices in the voter's community each weekday during business hours.

Registration of voters is also available through the New Jersey Online Voter Registration portal at: <https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/voter-registration.shtml>. Voter registration deadline date is September 5, 2023.

EVENING REGISTRATION

The Office of Municipal Clerk in the following towns shall remain open during the noted dates and times:

ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS BOROUGH	Thursday, August 31, 2023	4:30 pm to 7:00 pm
HIGHLANDS BOROUGH	Wednesday, August 30, 2023	5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Anyone wishing to register by mail may do so by requesting mail registration forms from the Office of Commissioner of Registration/Superintendent of Elections, Monmouth County Special Services Complex, 300 Halls Mill Road, Freehold, New Jersey 07728, or by calling (732) 431-7780.

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ATTENTION VOTERS WHO HAVE MOVED

If you are a registered voter in Monmouth County and have moved within the County, you should submit a change of address with the Commissioner of Registration, 300 Halls Mill Road, Freehold, NJ, 07728 phone #732-431-7780.

If you are a registered voter who has moved within the County, and you did not notify the County Commissioner of Registration of your new address, you will be permitted to vote at this election as follows: (1) Go to the polling place for the election district in which you reside on election day. (2) Tell the District Election Board Member that you are registered to vote but have moved within the County. (3) You will be permitted to vote by provisional ballot. You will need to provide your name, current and old addresses, date of birth and signature on the envelope provided with the ballot. You may call the Commissioner of Registration or your Municipal Clerk to determine your proper polling place location.

NOTE: HAVA (Help America Vote Act) REQUIREMENTS

First-time “Mail-in” registrants, voting in a Federal Election, **MUST** provide **I.D.** before voting.

Under New Jersey law you have the right to vote in privacy, to have a reasonable amount of time to vote, to receive a replacement ballot if you spoil the first one, and to bring written material into the polling place for your personal use.

A “Voter’s Bill of Rights” will be prominently displayed at your polling place. If you believe that your right to vote has been violated in any way, you should immediately notify your county Board of Elections or county Superintendent of Elections.

“Pursuant to provisions of the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act of 1984” (Public law 98-435), a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) is maintained at the Election Division, Department of State, Trenton, New Jersey.

Persons wishing to utilize this service to obtain general voter information may do so by dialing 1-800-292-0039 or Monmouth County Board of Elections at 732-431-7802 x7150.

AT THIS SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION, THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL WILL BE VOTED UPON:

PPOPOSAL

Shall the Boards of Education of the Highlands School District, Atlantic Highlands School District and Henry Hudson Regional School District join together to convert Henry Hudson Regional into an all-purpose PK-12 regional school district, with Atlantic Highlands and Highlands joining as constituent districts, with the annual and special appropriations for such a two-constituent PK-12 regional school district to be apportioned upon the following basis: 100% on each municipality’s equalized valuation allocated to the regional district as provided by state law, and 0% on the proportional number of pupils enrolled from each municipality on the 15th day of October of the prebudget year?

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

A “yes” vote will permit the three existing Boards of Education to combine into one school district, thereby dissolving the separate Atlantic Highlands and Highlands Boards of Education, which will provide services to all resident students in grades pre-kindergarten through 12. Conversion to one cohesive, fully integrated educational system will better promote governance and operational efficiencies; opportunities for expanded, innovative and equitable programming and learning; alignment of schedules, policies and procedures, and collaboration and professional development for staff. The proposal maintains the current method of determining each municipality’s proportionate share of taxes which is based entirely on their respective equalized valuation rates. Tax savings are expected to result from the proposed regionalization that are an aggregate of the consolidation of duplicative services and additional state aid gained from an alternate state-aid formula provided for newly regionalized districts by recent legislation. A “no” vote would maintain the status quo regarding the three districts, with Atlantic Highlands and Highlands, continuing to operate separate elementary schools, with students in grades 7-12 attending the Henry Hudson Regional High School.

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the polling places in Monmouth County for the Special School Election. All polling places are barrier free except where noted.

Municipality: **Atlantic Highlands Borough**

Atlantic Highlands Borough-01 Charles Hesse Parish Center 55 South Ave., Atlantic Highlands

Atlantic Highlands Borough-02	Charles Hesse Parish Center	55 South Ave., Atlantic Highlands
Atlantic Highlands Borough-03	Charles Hesse Parish Cener	55 South Ave., Atlantic Highlands
Atlantic Highlands Borough-04	Charles Hesse Parish Center	55 South Ave., Atlantic Highlands

Municipality: Highlands Borough

Highlands Borough-01	Highlands Firehouse	17-1 Shore Dr., Highlands
Highlands Borough-02	Highlands Firehouse	17-1 Shore Dr., Highlands
Highlands Borough-03	VFW Post 6902	331 Bay Ave., Highlands
Highlands Borough-04	VFW Post 6902	331 Bay Ave., Highlands

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