

## **LEGAL NOTICE**

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE, AND ELECTION MORRISVILLE-EATON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Morrisville-Eaton Central School District, Madison County, NY, will be held at the Middle/High School building on Fearon Road in said district on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM, for the presentation of the budget. The budget will be available for review on May 4, 2021 at the District Office, located in the Middle/High School, Fearon Road, Morrisville, New York.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the annual meeting of the qualified voters of the Morrisville-Eaton Central School District, will be held at the Edward R. Andrews Elementary School in said District on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at which time said vote and election will be held between the hours of 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM to vote by voting machine or paper ballot upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2021-2022 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the district.
2. To elect two (2) members at large to the Board of Education for a three (3) year term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2024; these positions are currently held by Nichole Doroshenko and Jacalyn Groves, whose terms expire on June 30, 2021.
3. To elect two (2) members at large to the Board of Trustees of the Morrisville Public Library, for a one (1) year term and one for a three (3) year term, commencing on July 1, 2021; these positions are currently held by Rebecca Meyer and Marjorie Morency.
4. To consider the following propositions:

#### **PROPOSITION I**

Shall the Board of Education purchase and, at the option of the Board, finance two (2) student transportation vehicles at an estimated cost not to exceed \$253,000, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other necessary costs incidental thereto and to expend a total sum not to exceed \$253,000 which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and levy a tax which is hereby voted for the foregoing in the amount of \$253,000, 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 are hereby authorized to be issued at one time, or from time to time, in the principal amount not to exceed \$253,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

#### **PROPOSITION II**

Shall the Morrisville Public Library be given an increase in funding for library purposes in the amount of Four Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Four dollars (\$4,324.00) for the year 2022? This will bring the total annual budget for the Library to \$140,101.00. This amount to be levied and collected annually by the Morrisville-Eaton Central School District, as are other general taxes, and to be paid to the Library. The budget for the Library is independent of the School District's budget and the School District only serves to collect these taxes and forward them to the Library.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN**, that voting upon the foregoing proposition will be by voting machine or paper ballot and will take place on the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of May 2021, at the Edward R. Andrews Elementary School Gymnasium, Eaton Street, Morrisville, New York between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., prevailing time.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that in-person voting will be conducted in a manner consistent with NYS Department of Health guidelines intended to protect voters and school district personnel and may include the requirements that voters wear masks and maintain proper social distancing.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that qualified voters may obtain applications for absentee ballots from the office of the Clerk of the School District. Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk of the School District no later than 5:00 P.M. prevailing time, on May 17, 2021, and must be received no later than 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, on May 11, 2021 if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Completed applications received after 5:00 P.M. on May 11, 2021, will require the voter to personally appear at the Office of the Clerk of the School District to receive an absentee ballot. A listing of all persons to whom an absentee ballot is issued will be available for inspection by any qualified voter on each of the five days prior to the day of the election, except Sundays, during regular business hours in the Office of the Clerk of the School District. Qualified voters who do not want to vote in person because of concerns surrounding COVID-19 and public gatherings may also request an absentee ballot on those grounds as provided by law and Executive Order(s) then in effect. Guidance regarding absentee voting due to concerns related to COVID-19 will be published on the School District's website when available and questions may also be directed to the District Clerk at 315-684-9300 or [jshantal@m-ecs.org](mailto:jshantal@m-ecs.org).

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at 315-684-9300 or [jshantal@m-ecs.org](mailto:jshantal@m-ecs.org). For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 pm on April 22, 2021. 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.

**AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2021-2022 exclusive of public monies, along with the budget and the tax exemption report, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours beginning May 4, 2021 at the District Office, located at the Middle/High School, Fearon Road, Morrisville, NY, at the office of the Edward R. Andrews Elementary School, Eaton Street, Morrisville, NY, and at the Morrisville Public Library.

**AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the District Clerk at the District Office, located at the Middle/High School, Fearon Road, Morrisville, NY not later than Monday, April 19, 2021 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and shall be signed by at least 25 voters of the District, or 2% of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election, whichever is greater, must state the name and residence of the candidate and the name and address of the signer. Petitions nominating candidates for the office of Trustee of the Morrisville Public Library must meet all these requirements.

**AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that 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 next preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require that all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election provide one form of proof of

residency pursuant to Education Law Section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver's identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require that all persons offering to vote provide their signature, printed name and address.

Jodi E. Shantal, District Clerk  
Morrisville-Eaton Central School District