



P R E S S R E L E A S E

School District Election Date Changed to May 11, 2021

The State Education Department has approved an appeal from the Great Neck Public Schools to change the date of this year's School District Election and Budget Vote to May 11, 2021.

According to New York State law, school districts are required to hold elections on the third Tuesday in May. This year, the election date of May 18 conflicts with the observance of the holiday Shavuot, so the Board of Education requested to change the election date to May 11. As a result, the Great Neck School District Election and Budget Vote will take place on Tuesday, May 11, from 7 a.m.–10 p.m.

Preliminary Budget

The 2021–22 preliminary budget can be found on the district website (www.greatneck.k12.ny.us/budget21-22) and in the Great Neck Library, all branches.

Budget Meetings & Adoption

Based on the suspension of the Open Meetings provision of the Public Officer's Law, and for the health and safety of our community, budget meetings will be held virtually via Zoom Webinar. Links to these meetings will be posted on the homepage of the district website (www.greatneck.k12.ny.us).

Residents are encouraged to virtually attend the budget meetings online and to respond to the preliminary budget. Final decisions on the budget will not be made until the Board listens to the community's comments. Upcoming meeting dates and times are as follows:

- Saturday, March 20 at 9:30 a.m. – Board Discussion with Staff & Public via Zoom Webinar
- Wednesday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. – Informal Budget Hearing via Zoom Webinar*
- Tuesday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. – Official Hearing and Adoption of Proposed Budget via Zoom Webinar*
- Wednesday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. – Hearing (discussion only) via Zoom Webinar*

Budget hearings indicated with an asterisk (*) will follow a Student Recognition, which starts at 7:30 p.m.

Voter Registration

If you have voted in any school or general election between 2017 and 2020, you are registered to vote in the school election on Tuesday, May 11. Residents can confirm their registration status using the online Registration Verification tool on the district website (www.greatneck.k12.ny.us/voting) or by contacting the Office of the District Clerk (516-441-4020). If you are not registered, you may register if you are 18 years of age or older, a citizen of the United States, and have lived in the district for at least 30 days.

Voter registration is available through the Nassau County Board of Elections (www.nassaucountyny.gov/580/Voting-Info-Services or 516-571-VOTE) or at the Office of the District Clerk (Phipps Admin. Bldg., 345 Lakeville Rd.) on school days from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Please note that registration with the District Clerk only registers an individual to vote in Great Neck School District elections. Residents must be registered by Thursday, May 6, to vote on Tuesday, May 11.

Absentee Ballot Applications

Qualified registered voters can obtain applications for absentee ballots from the district website (www.greatneck.k12.ny.us/voting) or by contacting the Office of the District Clerk on school days from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. (516-441-4020). Applications for absentee ballots cannot be accepted until April 12.

Residents who are qualified voters and whose registration records have been marked “permanently disabled” by the Board of Elections will automatically receive absentee ballots.

Completed absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11.

Polling Locations

There are four polling locations for school district elections: E.M. Baker School, Lakeville School, Saddle Rock School, and South High School. Residents who are unsure of their polling location can use the online Poll Place Finder tool on the district website (www.greatneck.k12.ny.us/voting) or contact the Office of the District Clerk on school days from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. (516-441-4020).

Voting Rights Act

The Great Neck Public Schools strives to provide comprehensible budget information so residents can make informed decisions and exercise their right to vote in the annual School District Election and Budget Vote.

Section 203 of the federal Voting Rights Act requires school districts in Nassau County to provide election information in English and Spanish. In accordance with this Act, print materials produced by the Great Neck Public Schools pertaining to the 2021–22 School District Election and Budget Vote will be distributed in both languages.

Residents who prefer to review budget and voting information in languages other than English and Spanish are encouraged to visit the district website. The translation feature at the top of the homepage allows our website to be viewed in more than 100 different languages. Additional information may also be obtained by calling the District Clerk on school days from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. (516-441-4020).

For Further Information

For additional information about the 2021–22 school budget, polling locations, voter registration, and/or absentee ballots, please call the assistant superintendent for business, at 516-441-4020, on school days.

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