

## It's been 7 years since our last operating referendum. . . . **It's Time.**

We have stretched the last referendum timeline from 4 years to 7 years through strategic fiscal management & the help of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) relief funds.

- WE HAVE SHOWN CONSISTENT FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY OVER THE LAST 7 YEARS •
- Outside of key investments made in response to the needs of our students and community, discretionary budget growth has been 4.95% since the last referendum - less than 1% annually (FY 2018 to FY 2023)



### **\$26.7 MILLION SECURED IN OUTSIDE FUNDING**

Since the last referendum, we have also secured grants and other funds to support Colonial initiatives. **This made more programs and supports available with no added cost to Colonial residents.**

### **WHAT WE NEED**

- 25¢ in 2025
- 10¢ in 2026
- 5¢ in 2027

**PER \$100 OF ASSESSED HOME VALUE**

## **Additional operating revenue will be utilized to maintain investments in:**



**RECRUITING AND RETAINING TOP-NOTCH STAFF BY PROVIDING COMPETITIVE SALARY AND BENEFITS**



**INNOVATIVE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS LIKE CTE PATHWAYS AND DUAL ENROLLMENT/ AP COURSES**



**MAINTAINING CSD FACILITIES**



**SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY**



**CLUBS, SPORTS, EXTENDED LEARNING AND SUMMER PROGRAMS**



**STUDENT DEVICES AND TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE**

**February 29, 2024  
from 7 am - 8 pm**

**STAY UP TO DATE AND ASK QUESTIONS  
VISIT [COLONIALSCHOOLDISTRICT.ORG](http://COLONIALSCHOOLDISTRICT.ORG)**

# WHEN AND WHERE DO WE VOTE?

**Voting: February 29, 2024 from 7 am - 8 pm**

## WHO CAN VOTE:

- If you live in the Colonial School District, are at least 18-years old, a citizen of Delaware and the USA; you can cast your vote at one of the registered polling places listed on our website
- Be prepared to show proof of identity – a State Driver’s license or State I.D.

## POLLING PLACES

- Castle Hills Elementary School: . . . 502 Moores Ln, New Castle, DE 19720
- Weston Senior Center: . . . . . 1 Bassett Ave, New Castle, DE 19720
- Kingswood Community Center: . . . 2300 Bowers St, Wilmington, DE 19802
- McCullough Middle School: . . . . . 20 Chase Ave, New Castle, DE 19720
- New Castle Senior Center: . . . . . 400 South St, New Castle, DE 19720
- Pleasantville Elementary School: . . . 16 Pleasant Pl, New Castle, DE 19720
- Route 9 Library: . . . . . 3022 New Castle Ave, New Castle, DE 19720
- Southern Elementary School: . . . . . 795 Cox Neck Rd, New Castle, DE 19720
- Victory Christian Fellowship: . . . . . 100 Wilton Blvd, New Castle, DE 19720
- Wilbur Elementary School: . . . . . 4050 Wrangle Hill Rd, Bear, DE 19701
- William Penn High School: . . . . . 713 E Basin Rd, New Castle, DE 19720

## HOW MUCH IS THIS GOING TO COST?

*Calculations below are based on average Colonial household assessed value of \$62,547*

	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
<b>OPERATING REFERENDUM</b>	\$156.37 yr	\$218.91 yr	\$250.19 yr	\$250.19 yr
<b>CAPITAL REFERENDUM</b>	\$5.00 yr	\$58.79 yr	\$65.67 yr	\$73.81 yr
<b>YEARLY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$161.37 yr</b>	<b>\$277.77 yr</b>	<b>\$315.86 yr</b>	<b>\$324.00 yr</b>



The most accurate way to determine the cost of the referendum in relation to your school taxes is to look up your property tax assessment on the county website, [www3.newcastlede.gov/parcel/search](http://www3.newcastlede.gov/parcel/search).  
*In Delaware, homes are assessed for taxes at around 1/4th their market value.*

Use our calculator at [colonialschooldistrict.org](http://colonialschooldistrict.org) to learn more about how this referendum will impact your taxes.

## SUPPORT FOR SENIORS

**YES, the State of Delaware does offer tax relief for Seniors.**

Individuals 65 and older, who meet a residency requirement (3 years if you established residency before 12/31/2017; 10 years if you established residency after that date), are eligible for a school tax credit of up to \$400 on their Principal residence.

A School Tax Credit Application can be found at: <https://www.nccde.org/182/Tax-Exemptions>.

Seniors may also apply for additional reductions in sewer and county property tax based on income. For more information about these programs, call the County at 302-395-5520.

## HOW TO STAY UP TO DATE AND ASK QUESTIONS

Visit [colonialschooldistrict.org](http://colonialschooldistrict.org) for updates and ask questions!

