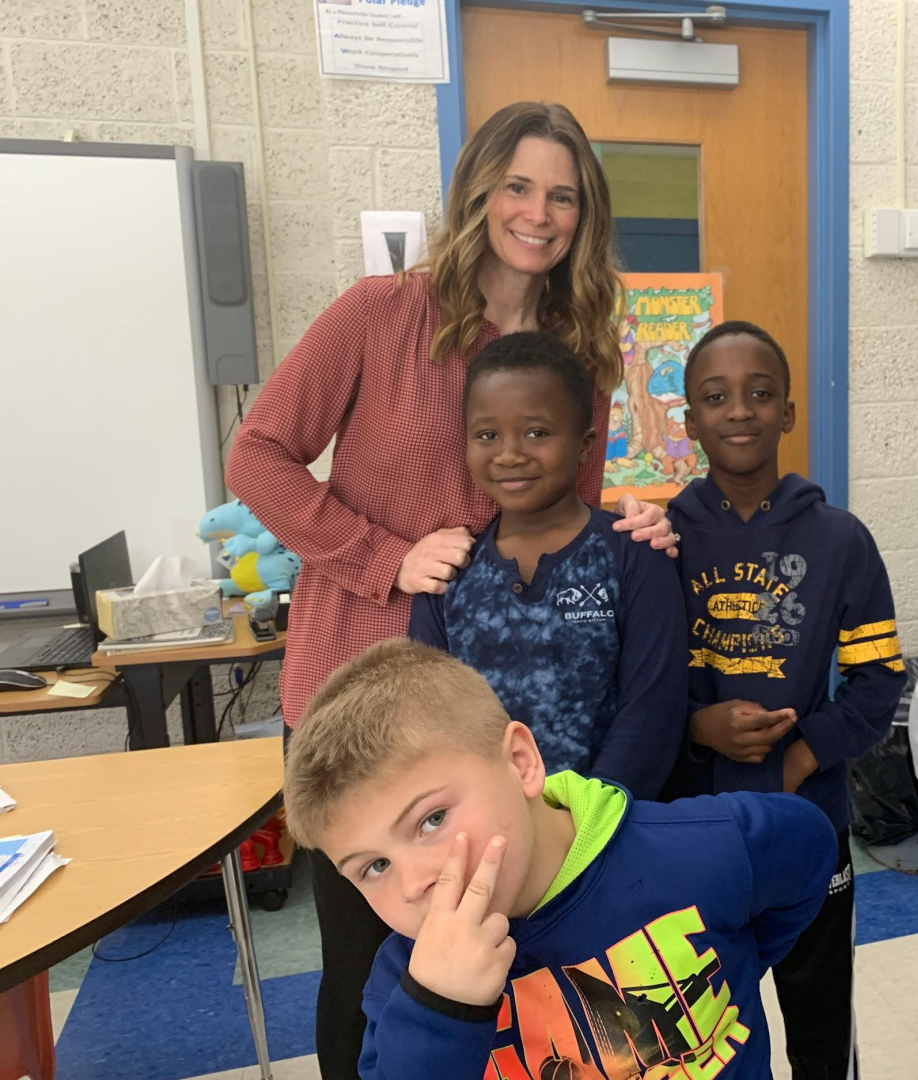


FY 24 REFERENDUM

It's Time. Colonial Nation deserves it.



TOPICS FOR TODAY'S FORUM

01 / The Ballot and Voting

02 / Recap of Capital & Operating Requests

03 / Who WE are

04 / Questions

What to expect in the voting booth:

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| FOR additional tax to fund current operating expenses | FOR the bond issue |
| AGAINST additional tax to fund current operating expenses | AGAINST the bond issue |

Operating vs. Capital Requests

The referendum has 2 different components that will be voted on separately.

The operating request will provide increased funding for daily operations.

**Impact to the tax rate:
\$0.25 added in FY 25
\$0.10 added in FY 26
\$0.05 added in FY 27**

The capital request provides funds for our needed major renovation projects.

**Impact to the tax rate:
Varies over the bond repayment period
Maximum added over today's rate is 9.9 cents in FY 2027 then gradually declines.**

OPERATING EXPENSES

ISSUE BONDS = CAPITAL REQUEST

LEAP!

to the Polls

February 29th
7 am - 8 pm

FOR = YES

AGAINST = NO

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Who can vote on the 29th?

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- **To vote in the referendum, you must:**
 - Be a citizen of the United States and the State of Delaware.
 - Live within Colonial.
 - Be 18 years of age on or before the day of the election.
 - Provide proof of identity and address. This includes:
 - Delaware driver's license
 - Delaware ID card
 - Work ID card with photo and home address
 - U. S. postal material with street address
- **To vote in the referendum, YOU DO NOT:**
 - Need to be a registered voter
 - Need to own your home/property

Polls are open
from 7am to
8pm.

Can't get the polls?
Request an absentee ballot
from the Department of
Elections at
elections.delaware.gov

POLLING PLACES

LEAP!
to the Polls
February 29th
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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

Polls are open
from 7am to 8pm.

You can vote at
any site.

SCHOOL WILL BE IN SESSION

Polls will be open on a school day. Voters should anticipate bus traffic and car rider lines around arrival and dismissal. As information for planning, school hours are below:

Elementary Schools:

8:45 am - 3:35 pm

Middle Schools:

7:55 am - 2:50 pm

William Penn HS:

7:20 am - 1:50 pm

LEAP!
to the Polls

February 29th
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SUPPORT FOR SENIORS & DISABLED VETERANS

YES! Tax relief is available

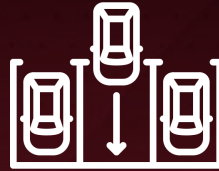
- Individuals 65 and older can qualify for a credit up to \$500 annually
- Disabled Veterans can qualify for a credit of up to the full amount of tax
- More information on eligibility and applications can be found at:
[https://www.nccde.org/182/Tax-Exemptions.](https://www.nccde.org/182/Tax-Exemptions)

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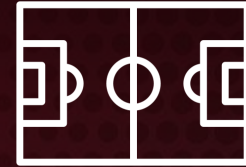
Summary of Capital Projects



Complete Remaining
Priority Roof Projects
\$39.5 million



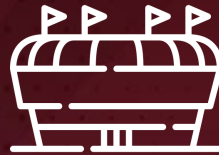
District-Wide Parking
Lots and Pathways
\$15.8 million



Middle School Athletic
Field Renewal
\$1.6 million



K-5 Playground Renewal
\$4.6 million



William Penn
Athletic Complex and Fields
\$50.6 million



Secure Entrances/Vestibules
and Other Security
Enhancements
\$9.9 million

Capital Request - Key takeaways

- ★ **The average age of Colonial buildings is 60 years.**
- ★ The State will provide 60% of the funding (\$73.2 million) and we must provide the remaining 40% (\$48.8 million) to secure the State's investment.
 - The state funds cannot be repurposed or used for anything other than the projects we submitted.
 - A no vote means that the state dollars will NOT come to Colonial.
- ★ The athletic facilities at William Penn have not seen any significant investments in over 30 years.
- ★ Over the past 7 years, we have invested over \$50 million in our facilities through strategic investments that did not have any direct taxpayer impact.

The Operating Request

Local Operating funds pay for the day to day costs of serving students



Building and
Department budgets



Transportation Expenses



Arts, Sports and
extracurricular Programs



Competitive Salaries for
1,500 employees



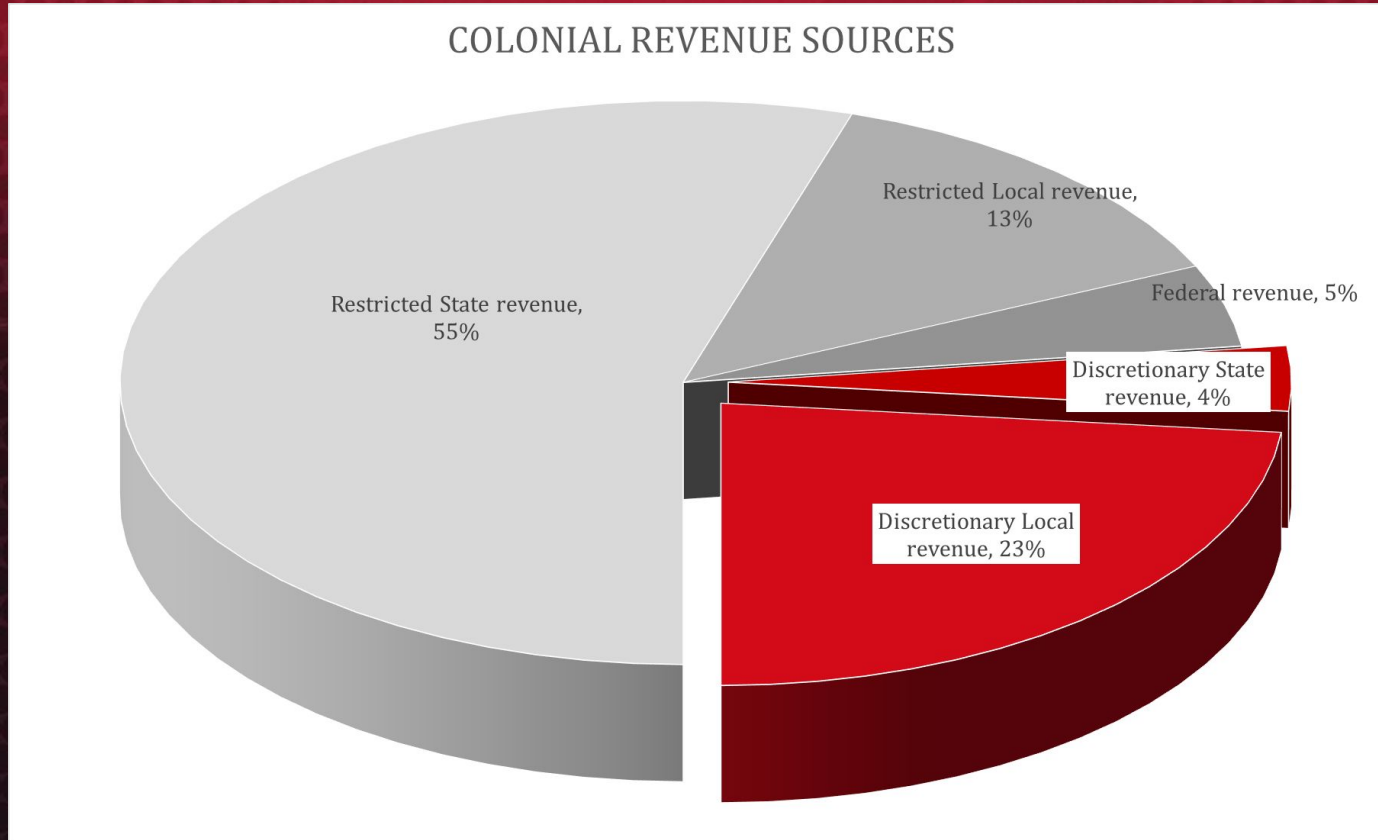
Technology including 1:1 Student
Chromebooks & staff devices



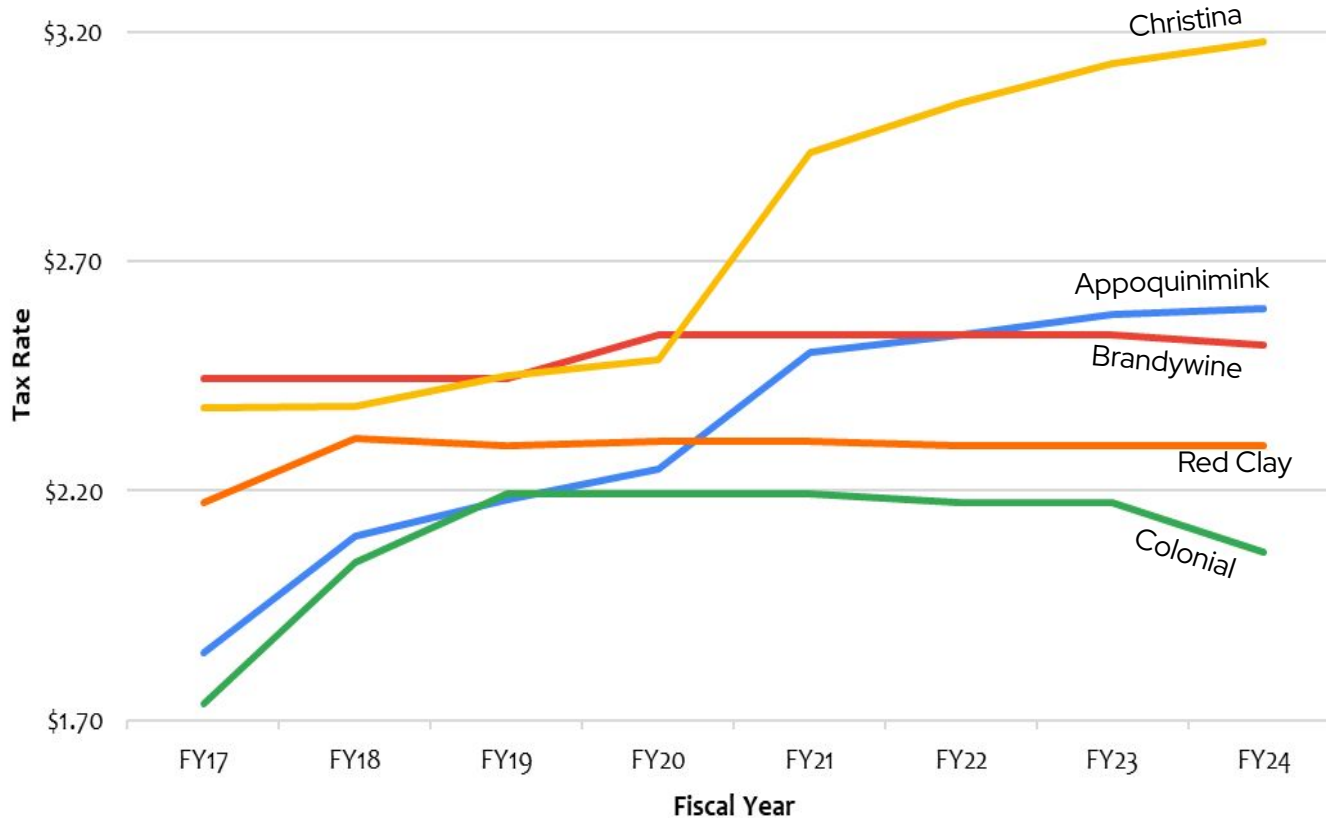
Daily cleaning and
maintenance of over 800
classrooms and 17 buildings

Not all funds are created equal.

Over 70% of the funds Colonial receives annually have restrictions or requirements. This limits the ability to cut from many areas to repurpose funds elsewhere.



New Castle County Tax Rate History



Districts seeking operating tax increases this year.

Appoquinimink: \$0.43

Red Clay: \$0.50

Brandywine: \$0.45

Colonial: \$0.40

(Total is shown- may be phased in over multiple years)

ONCE A COLONIAL, ALWAYS A COLONIAL.

83% of our operating dollars support staff

Our staff are critical to every single aspect of supporting our students.

WE are Honored!

WE are Grateful!

WE are Proud!

Award winning staff putting students FIRST



Gary Lumpkin

named the Delaware Interscholastic Basketball Coaching Association's Boys Coach of the Year for 2023.



Christina Horstmann

Receives 2023 Governor's Award for Excellence in Civics Education!



Mrs. Jamie Grivas

8th Grade Science Teacher at Colonial School District wins DFSME's "Shining Light Award"



Lars Jensen

WPHS Science Teacher wins shining Light Award from the Delaware Foundation for Science and Math Education.



Khayree Bey

2019 SHAPE Delaware's Health teacher of the Year



Tameka Mays

Recognized as Education Support Professional (ESP) of the Year for DSEA for the 2018-19 school year.



Dr. Nicholas Baker

Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction named 2018 Administrator of the Year by Delaware Art Education Association



Joe Archangelo

Wrestling Coach at William Penn named Coach of the Year for 2023.

Award winning staff putting students FIRST



**Tim Hilovsky,
Alyssa Welsh & Paige Morris**
Recognized as Delaware phys educ
teachers of the year at the Shape
Delaware conference.



Corey Butterfield & Mike Doody
Finalists for the Presidential Award for
Excellence in Science Teaching!! The nations
highest honor for teachers of science!!



Eisenberg Elementary
Named a 2023 Recognition School for
Excellence in Serving Special Populations
by the Delaware Department of
Education!



**Dave Ostheimer, Mike
Doody and Joe Parrett**
Named Yale fellows



CSD Visits GMA
Staff driven relationships with industry
professionals make an incredible trip
possible.



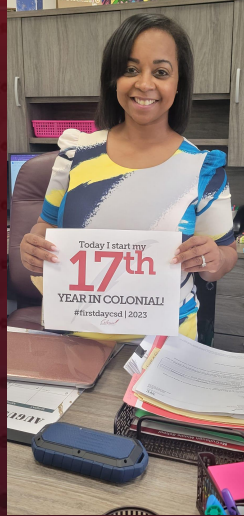
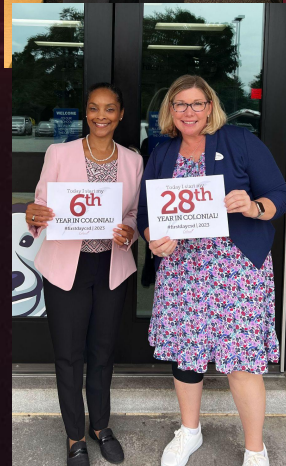
Jennifer Coursey
Recognized by the Delaware Society
of Health and Physical Educators as
Delaware Teachers of the Year in Physical
and Health Education.



Cheritta Marvel
Celebrates her 45th year in the Colonial
School District, but this school year
marks her 52nd as an educator.

And many, many, many, many more.

Our Staff's Dedication = Successful Students



Branden Fletcher-Dominguez
Branden, 2018, advocate for housing and running for State House.
1w Like Reply 8

Angel M. Castillo
Angel Castillo – 2019 – Staff Sergeant in the United States Air Force
1w Like Reply 11

Write a comment...

Jess Evans
Jess Evans class of 2017- travel ER nurse and at Christiana care
6d Like Reply 6

Taylor Boone
Taylor boone graduated 2023 I'm going to cosmology school at Paul Mitchell and working at chilis in the fashion center
6d Like Reply

Ayahni Lone'e
Ayahni Williams c/o 2020
Iss teacher colonial @ McCullough!!
6d Like Reply 10

Emily Arias
Class of 2019. Went to UD for English Education and am now teaching!
5d Like Reply

Ashley Jacquelynn Winter
Ashley, 2021. i am currently a Customer Service representative for Horizon Services and i also explore with East Coast Explorations
1w Like Reply 2

Mimi Brown
Icyss Barber, 2021, DSU Junior majoring in Social Work!
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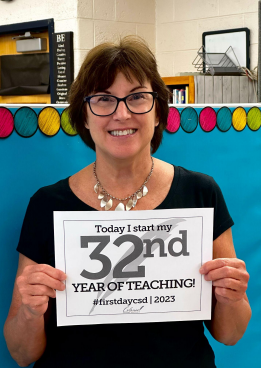
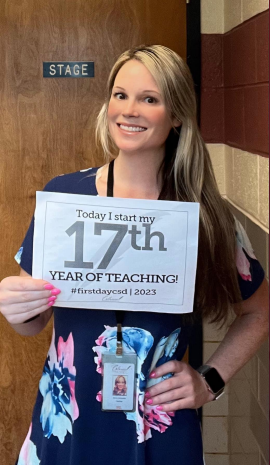
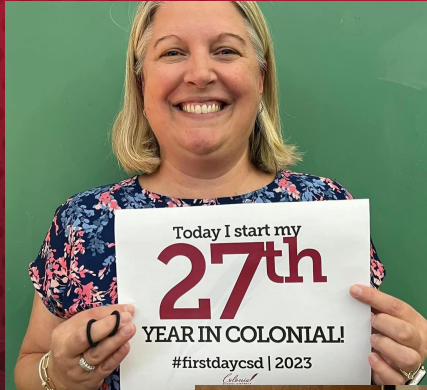
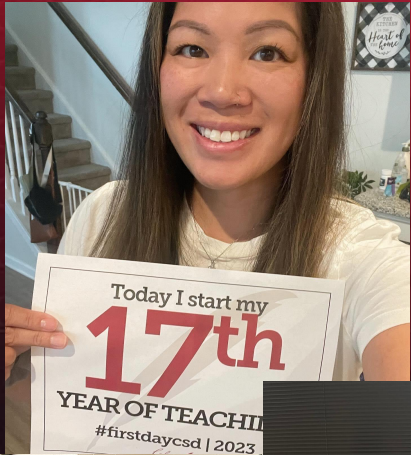
Alexis Lawson
Alexis (Deramo) Lawson class of 2012 received my doctor of nursing practice and am a family nurse

Samiyrah Robinson
Class of 2019. Business Owner, Serial Entrepreneur, Credit Repair Specialist
6d Like Reply

Samiyrah Robinson replied · 1 reply

Deja Ryals
Deja Ryals . class of 2020. track athlete & senior exercise science & physiology major @ Wheeling university
6d Like Reply 2

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Emmanuel Wilson
Emmanuel, class of 2018- Special education Paraprofessional & entrepreneur/CEO of a very successful cleaning company.
1w Like Reply 18

Morgan Kelly
Morgan Kelly '22 currently doing phlebotomy for csI plasma in newark, and I'm loving it!
1w Like Reply 7

Brittani Davis
Brittani Davis class of 2017 - Manage a robotic system at Christiana care and UPenn!!!
1w Like Reply 6

Bret Hillman
Bret Hillman, class of 2017 USAF aircraft structural maintainer and welder for Bloom Energy building solid oxide fuel cell generators
1w Like Reply 4

Cassidy Cathell
Cassidy Cathell, 2018, Analyst at JP Morgan Chase
1w Like Reply

Mikeisha Marshall
Class of 2017- Certified Medical Assistant going on 3 years at a pediatric office
1w Like Reply 3

Nina Marie Mayhorn
Nina, Class of 2020. Currently on my 2nd year at Amazon and in college going for Veterinary Technician!
6d Like Reply

Tamia Davis
Tamia Davis! c/o 2017, I work at Aaron's Furniture as Assistant Store Manager!
6d Like Reply 2

Venus Brown
'22. in cosmology school going to get my license; (graduate in may from schilling douglas) & then start my journey of being a mortician apprentice (then to be a full-time mortician)
1w Like Reply 1

Kaitie Hart
Kaitie ; 2017, Professional Dog Groomer & Animal Welfare Advocate.
1w Like Reply 1

Danaesha Mone'
Danaesha, 2017. I'm a registered behavior technician and I work with kids with autism and finishing up my Masters to become a Board Certified Behavior Analyst



Brianna Henry Moore

William Penn Class of 2018

**Your support on Feb. 29th ensures
that we keep making great things
happen for our students every day.**

**COLONIAL NATION
DESERVES IT!**

Q&A Session