



WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR CASTLE HILLS IF WE **APPROVE** THE REFERENDUMS ON FEBRUARY 29TH?



By **APPROVING** the **CAPITAL REFERENDUM** we can:

- **Enhance Building Security**
 - Updating secure entrance up to code
 - New updated classroom door locks
- **Playground Updates**
 - Replace playground equipment with ada compliant safe surfaces and options
- **Exterior Updates and Repairs**
 - Concrete curbs to be installed in various areas of the parking lot
 - Seal coat, repair, and restripe existing pavement
 - Install new exterior basketball hoops
 - Updates to roof drains and inlets to reduce leaking issues

By **APPROVING** the **OPERATING REFERENDUM** we can:

- Continue extended learning opportunity & summer programs to strengthen student engagement & accelerate student achievement
- Maintain 1:1 student Chromebooks & other technology investments
- Continue investment in constables, school resource officers, & enhanced security initiatives
- Recruit & retain top-notch educators and support staff
- Provide high quality, relevant professional development for staff
- Continue competitive salary & benefits packages to combat the increasing workforce shortages, especially among teachers

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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 |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| OPERATING REFERENDUM | \$156.37 yr | \$218.91 yr | \$250.19 yr | \$250.19 yr |
| CAPITAL REFERENDUM | \$5.00 yr | \$58.79 yr | \$65.67 yr | \$73.81 yr |
| YEARLY TOTAL | \$161.37 yr | \$277.77 yr | \$315.86 yr | \$324.00 yr |



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.
In Delaware, homes are assessed for taxes at around 1/4th their market value.

Use our calculator at 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.

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