



# **Board of Trustees Election** **Information**

1. **Election Details:** The election will take place in the Eastchester Middle School Gymnasium (550 White Plains Road, entrance in the rear of the building off Lincoln Avenue) on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

## **2. School Board Election & Candidate Eligibility**

**Requirements:** There are three (3) Board seats available for a three-year term commencing on July 1, 2024 expiring on June 30, 2027. The Board members whose terms will expire on June 30, 2024 are Jacqueline DiMarco, Christina Geagan and Christie McCloskey.

A school board candidate must be a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years old, a qualified voter in the school district, and able to read and write. You must be and have been a resident of the district for a continuous and uninterrupted period of at least one (1) year immediately before the election. At the time you take office, you can not be employed by the board on which you serve or live in the same household with a family member who is also a member of the same school board.

3. **Petitions:** Petition sheets are available to be picked up in the District Office, 580 White Plains Road, Eastchester, NY 10709 between the hours of 8:30AM and 3:30PM. Petitions must be returned to the District Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2024. The petition must be signed by at least twenty-eight (28) qualified district voters.

4. **Position on Ballot:** New York State Education Law specifies that the determination of position of candidates' names on the ballot be done by a drawing. This will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 in the District Office. Candidates may name a designee if they cannot be present and must indicate how they wish their name to be printed on the ballot.

**5. Expenditure Statements:** State law requires all candidates for election to a board of education to file a sworn statement with the District Clerk disclosing their campaign expenses. If expenditures made by the candidate or by others on the candidate's behalf exceed \$500, a statement also should be filed with the Commissioner of Education. Expenditures of not more than \$25 may be made without the candidate's permission if the donor or donors file a sworn statement with the District Clerk and the Commissioner stating that the candidate did not approve of the expenditures.

**6. Voter Registration:** Residents may register to vote with the District Clerk on any school business day before May 13, 2024 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the District Clerk's Office. A qualified voter must be a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, a resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to the election and qualified to register to vote in accordance with Section 5-106 of the Election Law.

**7. Electioneering:** Law specifies that electioneering (defined as attempting to influence a vote) shall be prohibited within 100 feet of the entrance to any polling place. This includes buttons, literature, posters, etc., in addition to verbal persuasion

**8. Absentee Ballots:** Applications for absentee ballots are available from the District Clerk and will be available soon. If the applicant is found to be a registered voter with a valid reason for absentee voting, a ballot will be issued or mailed as soon as it is available. By law, ballots which are to be mailed back must be sent out at least seven days prior to the vote. All ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than **5:00 p.m.** on the day of the election, **Tuesday, May 21, 2024.** Absentee ballots are mailed out automatically to the list of permanently sick and disabled voters provided by the Westchester County Board of Elections.

**9. Candidates' Workshop:** The Westchester-Putnam School Boards Association Workshop is provided for prospective candidates. Candidates should sign up directly with the Westchester-Putnam School Boards Association by following this link: [Prospective School Board Workshop](#) or by calling 914-345-8737.

**10. Further Information:** Please feel free to contact the District Clerk with any questions at 914-793-6100 ext. 4201 or email: [lperrotta@eufsdk12.org](mailto:lperrotta@eufsdk12.org)