NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the Cape Henlopen School District will hold a referendum on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

The district voters will be asked to vote for or against a maximum increase in the debt service tax rate of 33 cents per hundred dollars of assessed valuation for the issuance of bonds for the following:

- ▶ Planning, construction, and equipment for a new 720-student H.O.Brittingham elementary school (and 9 additional classrooms for Sussex Consortium students, funded 100% by the State) located on current property and demolition of the current H.O.Brittingham school building.
- Planning, construction, and equipment for renovations (including demolition of portions of existing building) and new additions to accommodate a 720-student Milton elementary school on current property.
- ➤ Planning, construction, and equipment for a new 720-student Rehoboth elementary school (and 9 additional classrooms for Sussex Consortium students, funded 100% by the State) located on current property and demolition of the current Rehoboth school buildings.
- ▶ Planning, construction, and equipment for renovations (including demolition of portions of existing Lewes School building) and new additions to accommodate a 720-student Shields elementary school on Lewes School property and demolition of the current Shields Elementary building.

It is understood that the district shall decrease this initial tax annually over the life of the bonds. The total costs of the Major Capital projects are: State costs - \$81,777,300; Local costs - \$48,410,100; Total Major Capital project costs - \$130,187,400.

The polls for said election will open at 10:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. District residents who are U.S. Citizens at least 18 years of age are eligible to vote at the following polling places: Cape Henlopen High School, Mariner Middle School, and Rehoboth Elementary School.

Absentee voting is handled by the Delaware Department of Elections in Georgetown (119 N. Race Street; 302-856-5637). Proof of identification (e.g., Delaware driver's license, Delaware ID card, work ID card with photo and address, U.S. Postal material) is required to vote.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF ADDITIONAL TAXES FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES AND **AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS**

Levy of Additional Taxes for School Purposes

Be it known that at the January 14, 2016 meeting of the Cape Henlopen School Board of Education, approval was given to ask the voters of said district to approve an increase in the debt service tax. A special election will be held on March 23, 2016, in the Cape Henlopen School District in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 19 and 21 of Title 14 of

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The polls for the special election shall be open on March 23, 2016 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, in the following schools: Cape Henlopen High School, Mariner Middle School, and Rehoboth Elementary School.

Any individual qualified to vote in this election may vote by absentee ballot if the voter is unable to appear at a polling place on March 23, 2016, for any of the following reasons: (1) Temporary or permanent physical disability, (2) Public service for the U.S. or the State of Delaware, (3) Spouse or dependent of, and residing with or accompanying, a person in public service of the U.S. or the State of Delaware, (4) Engaged in business or occupation precluding appearance at a polling place, (5) Sickness, (6) The tenets or teaching of the voter's religion, (7) Incarceration, or (8) Absence from the district while on vacation. All absentee ballots shall be processed by the Department of Elections as follows; March 18, 2016, 12:00 noon - last day to mail absentee ballots to voter following receipt by the department of a properly completed affidavit; March 22, 2016, 12:00 noon - deadline for voters to submit affidavits requesting an absentee ballot in person; March 23, 2016, 8:00pm - deadline to return voted absentee ballot to the Department of Elections or to a polling location in the school district the day of the referendum. Please contact the Department of Elections for absentee ballot information (302-856-5367).

All citizens of the State of Delaware who reside in the Cape Henlopen School District and who are 18 years of age or older (by federal law) are eligible to vote. It is not necessary that a prospective voter be registered to vote in a general election to vote in this election.

By Order of the Cape Henlopen Board of Education.

President

Robert S. Fulton, M.S.Ed.

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Executive Secretary