

SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION
TOMS RIVER REGIONAL/SEASIDE HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT
APRIL 16, 2024
COUNTY OF OCEAN

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING

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The Board Worker will hand you a ballot card and a voting authority; DO NOT FOLD THE BALLOT CARD. Take the card to the voting machine and insert with the cut side to the top right.

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A language selection appears on the screen, follow the prompts by touching the screen for English or Spanish.

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To vote on the Public Question, touch YES or NO.

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If you need to view the ballot in a larger font, touch “TEXT SIZE” and then touch “LARGE TEXT” and then touch “RETURN TO BALLOT”.

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Review your selection on the ballot screen. To make a change, touch the contest and make a selection.

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Touch “PRINT BALLOT”. A pop-up window will be displayed giving you the options to either “PRINT” or “RETURN TO BALLOT”.

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Touch “PRINT” if you want to continue casting your vote.

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The machine prints the ballot and displays it in the window to the right for you to review, giving you the option to either “CAST” or “QUIT”. If you are satisfied with the ballot, touch “CAST”. The ballot card is then deposited in a secure card container. If you choose “QUIT”, the machine will return the ballot card to you and will direct you to seek the help of a poll worker.

BEFORE ENTERING THE MACHINE,
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTING,
ASK THE POLL WORKER.

IF YOU VOTED BY MAIL HERE ARE THE OCEAN COUNTY BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS:

BEACHWOOD LIBRARY -
126 BEACHWOOD BOULEVARD, BEACHWOOD

LAVALLETTE LIBRARY (UPPER SHORES) -
112 JERSEY CITY AVENUE, LAVALLETTE

OCEAN COUNTY PARKING GARAGE -
3RD FLOOR, MADISON AVENUE, TOMS RIVER

PIC, INC. OF OCEAN COUNTY -
1959 ROUTE 9, TOMS RIVER

TOMS RIVER LIBRARY -
101 WASHINGTON STREET, TOMS RIVER

OCEAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE -
118 WASHINGTON STREET, TOMS RIVER

IMPORTANT!
ATTENTION VOTERS!

Familiarize yourself with this ballot and instructions. It will assist you in voting, and save time on Election Day. All voters who can, should vote early in the day and thus avoid the possibility of congestion and inconvenience to themselves and others near the close of the polls.

ADDITIONAL VOTER INFORMATION
WILL BE AVAILABLE IN ALL
POLLING LOCATIONS OR VISIT:
www.oceancountyclerk.com
 www.facebook.com/oceancountyclerk

PUBLIC QUESTION TO BE VOTED UPON

REFERENDUM QUESTION

Shall, pursuant to resolutions passed by public vote of the governing body of the Borough of Seaside Heights, the Seaside Heights Board of Education, and the Toms River Regional Board of Education on January 3, 2024, January 8, 2024, and January 10, 2024, respectively, the Borough of Seaside Heights join the K-12 Toms River Regional School District as a constituent member with an adoption date of June 30, 2024, thereby withdrawing the Borough of Seaside Heights as a constituent member of the limited purpose Central Regional School District, with students from Seaside Heights being phased out of Central Regional School District and phased into Toms River Regional School District by grade; and with the property tax levy of the Borough of Seaside Heights being phased into Toms River Regional School District's current equalized property value tax apportionment formula with Seaside Heights paying the educational tax levy associated with its current elementary district plus the regional tax levy to Central Regional for the year prior to regionalization while being provided with \$1.2 million in savings each year in years 1-5, and further savings in years 6-10 while transitioning to 100% equalized property value, with Toms River Regional taxpayers estimated to save tens of millions of dollars over the same 10-year period?

Explanatory Statement

A feasibility study was commissioned to analyze the educational, financial, and racial impacts of Seaside Heights Board of Education withdrawing from the Central Regional School District and becoming a constituent member of the Toms River Regional Schools. The feasibility study was adopted by the Borough of Seaside Heights, Seaside Heights Board of Education, and Toms River Regional Schools Board of Education. Regionalizing Seaside Heights by having its approximately 300 K-12 students educated at Toms River Regional Schools, effective June 30, 2024, will reduce the number of school districts, save money, and improve efficiency. According to the November 23, 2023, feasibility study, the transitional allocation methodology would result in projected tax savings of \$9,000,000 for Seaside Heights, \$35,700,000 for Toms River, \$2,000,000 for Beachwood, \$680,000 for Pine Beach and \$480,000 for South Toms River over a ten-year period. To assist with the transition, the Hugh J. Boyd Elementary School in Seaside Heights shall remain open for at least two and up to five years or until the total school enrollment drops below 125 students. The resolutions placing this question before the voters were adopted by public vote of the governing body of the Borough of Seaside Heights, the Seaside Heights Board of Education, and the Toms River Regional Board of Education on January 3, 2024, January 8, 2024, and January 10, 2024, respectively. The following chart details the tax levy payments to Toms River Regional Schools and the transitional payments to Seaside Heights during the transition period:

	Tax Levy Payments /Transitional Payments				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Seaside Heights Tax Levy Paid to TRRS	\$7,085,481*	\$7,085,481*	\$7,085,481*	\$7,085,481*	\$7,085,481*
Payment to SSH during transition	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Seaside Heights Tax Levy Paid to TRRS	87.50% **	90.00% **	92.50% **	95.00% **	97.50% **
Payment to SSH during transition	\$1,000,000	\$800,000	\$600,000	\$400,000	\$200,000

* This number reflects the school budget number from 2023-2024, the actual number paid will be reflected in the 2024-2025 school budget.

** This percentage is of the Seaside Height's share of the full tax levy using the existing allocation of 100% equalized valuation with 100% transition beginning in Year 11.

YES

NO

YOUR POLLING PLACE

ACCESSIBLE POLLING PLACE

ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE

COMMISSIONER OF REGISTRATION

COUNTY OF OCEAN

P.O. BOX 2006

TOMS RIVER, N.J. 08754-2006

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Official Special School Election Sample Ballot

"In cases where the sample ballot is to be sent to an addressee who does not receive his mail by delivery to his home or through rural free delivery "if not delivered within five days return to the Commissioner of Registration" and in all other cases "if not delivered within two days return to the Commissioner of Registration."

POSTMASTER:

PLEASE DELIVER BY FRIDAY APRIL 12, 2024

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Township of Toms River