

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AND ELECTION, BUDGET
HEARING & RELATED MATTERS
POUGHKEEPSIE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Education of the Poughkeepsie City School District, Dutchess County, New York, adopted April 2, 2025, the annual Public Hearing on the Budget at the Board Room of the Administration Building, 18 S. Perry Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, will be held on May 7, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., for the purpose of presenting the 2025-2026 School Year Budget.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a detailed written statement setting forth the amount of money which will be required for School District purposes during the 2025-2026 School Year and specifying the several purposes and the amount for each (the Budget), as prepared by the Board of Education, including the Tax Exemption Report and other required attachments, may be obtained by any District resident at the Public Hearing and at each polling place on the day of the Budget vote, and also may be obtained during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the Annual District Meeting and Election, commencing May 6, 2025, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays during regular school hours, 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., at each of the District's schoolhouses, and at the Administration Building, as well as at each public and free association library in the District and on the District's website.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Annual District Meeting and Election will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M., when the polls will be open for the purpose of voting by voting machine, to:

- A. Elect one (1) member of the Board of Education, for a three-year term (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028) to succeed Dr. Andrew Rieser, the incumbent, whose term of office expires on June 30, 2025.
- B. Vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for School District purposes for the 2025-26 School Year (the Budget); and
- C. Authorize transportation within the standard limits set forth in Section 3635(1) of the New York Education Law Transact such other business as is authorized by law; and
- D. Establish Child Safety Zones; and
- E. Capital Reserve Expenditure; and
- F. Transact such other business as is authorized by law.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that in addition to the proposed District budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year and school year, which will appear on the ballot as Proposition No. 1, the following propositions will be submitted to the voters, which will appear on the ballot as Proposition No. 2 – General Transportation, Proposition No. 3 – Child Safety Zone transportation, and Proposition No. 4 – Capital Reserve Expenditure:

**Proposition No. 2
General Transportation**

Shall the Board of Education of the Poughkeepsie City School District be authorized to provide transportation to all resident pupils who reside within the limits of the City of Poughkeepsie within the mileage limits set forth in Section 3635(1) of the New York Education Law?

Proposition No. 3
Child Safety Zone Transportation

Provided the voters approve Proposition 2 (authorizing transportation within the standard limits set forth in Section 3635(1) of the New York Education Law), shall the Board of Education of the Poughkeepsie City School District be authorized to establish the following Child Safety Zones, thereby expanding the range of transportation available for students who must traverse hazardous conditions in order to walk to school: all students who are required to walk between .5 miles and 1.5 miles to their school?

Proposition No. 4
Capital Reserve Expenditure

Shall the Board of Education of the Poughkeepsie City School District (the “District”) be authorized to expend the balance of funds in the District’s “2021 Capital Reserve Fund” (\$5 million and accrued interest thereon), for the purpose of supporting up to \$ 5 million plus accrued interest worth of capital improvements at the District’s Columbus School, which work may include: 1) installation of unit ventilators in classrooms; 2) installation of digital signage; 3) installation of an elevator; 4) roofing.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that one member of the Board of Education will be elected due to the expiration of the term of Dr. Andrew Rieser. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will each be elected to an at large full three-year term from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028. Pursuant to the provisions of the Education Law, candidates for the at large office of Member of the Board of Education shall be nominated by petition. A separate petition shall be required to nominate each candidate. Each petition shall be signed by at least 100 qualified voters of the District, and shall state the name and residence of the candidate and each signer. Each petition shall be filed with the Clerk of the District between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. E.D.S.T., but no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 2025. Forms of petition may be obtained from the Clerk of the District on weekdays when school is in session, during regular business hours, 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purposes of voting, the School District has been divided into five (5) election districts and that an accurate description of the boundaries of these school election districts is on file and may be inspected at the Office of the Clerk on weekdays when school is in session, during regular work hours, 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., at the Administration Building, 18. S. Perry Street, Poughkeepsie, New York.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the 2025 Annual District Meeting and Election will be held at the following polling places in the School Election Districts hereinafter set forth:

SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT	POLLING PLACE
FIRST SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT	MORSE SCHOOL 101 MANSION STREET
SECOND SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT	WARRING SCHOOL 283 MANSION STREET
THIRD SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT	CLINTON SCHOOL 100 MONTGOMERY STREET
FOURTH SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT	POUGHKEEPSIE MIDDLE SCHOOL 55 COLLEGE AVENUE
FIFTH SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT	KRIEGER SCHOOL 265 HOOKER AVENUE

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Poughkeepsie City School District, Dutchess County, New York, has fixed Saturday, May 3, 2025, as the date on which the Board of Registration of said School District will meet at the Administration Building, 18 S. Perry Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., for the purpose of preparing the register of the School District for each election district for the Annual District Meeting and Election, to be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at which time any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such register if known or proven to the satisfaction of the registrars to be then or thereafter entitled to vote. A qualified voter whose registration to vote in other than school elections is current with the Dutchess County Board of Elections, pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law, shall be qualified to vote without further registering with the School District's Board of Registration, as well as all qualified voters who shall have previously registered for any Annual or Special District Meeting or Election and who shall have voted to any Annual or Special District Meeting or Election held or conducted at any time during the 2021, 2022, 2023 or 2024 calendar years.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the register of voters so prepared shall be filed in the Office of the District Clerk, Administration Building, 18 S. Perry Street, Poughkeepsie, NY, and shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., during the fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual District Meeting and Election. Said register will be open for inspection in each of the polling places during the Annual District Meeting and Election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to Section 2018-e of the Education Law, applications for early mail ballots may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk of the School District, during all days in which the School District is in session. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than April 21, 2025 and by May 13, 2025, if early mail ballot is to be mailed to voter. If the early mail ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter at the Office of the District Clerk the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than May 19, 2025. No early mail voter's ballot will be canvassed unless it has been received in the Office of the District Clerk by 5:00 pm on May 20, 2025. A list of all persons to whom early ballots have been issued will be available during office hours on and after May 14, 2025 until May 19, 2025, except on Sundays, by prearranged appointment. A challenge to an early voting ballot may not be made on the basis that the voter should have applied for an absentee ballot.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots for the Annual District Meeting and Election may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk, Administration Building, 18 S. Perry Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. The completed application must be received by the Clerk no earlier than April 21, 2025 and at least seven (7) days prior to the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the Office of the Clerk during regular office hours until the day of the Annual District Meeting and Election. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reason for the challenge.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as qualified voters of the school district. Military voters may request an application to register as a qualified voter from the District Clerk. Military voter registration application forms must be received in the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 5, 2025. In order for a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the school district must have received in the office of the school district clerk a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 pm on May 5, 2025. A military voter may designate a preference to receive a military voter registration, military ballot application or military ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail in their request for such registration, ballot application, or ballot. Such designation shall remain in effect until revoked or changed by the military voter. Ballots for military voters shall be mailed, or otherwise distributed, no later than May 6, 2025.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law requires the School District to attach to its proposed budget and exemption report. Said exemption report, which will also become part of the final budget, will show how the total assessed value of the final assessment roll used in the budgetary process is exempt from taxation, list every type of exemption granted by statutory authority, and show the cumulative impact of each type of exemption, the cumulative amount expected to be received as payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) and the cumulative impact of all exemptions granted. In addition, said exemption report shall be posted on any District bulletin board maintained by the School District for Public Notices, as well as on the School District's website.

Dated: April 4, 2025

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE POUGHKEEPSIE
CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

/s/ Becky Torres

Becky Torres, District Clerk