

The following public notice shall be published on January 19, 2026 and March 2, 2026

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING THE
BERKELEY HEIGHTS SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION – MARCH 10, 2026

Berkeley Heights Special School Election will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 between the hours of 6:00am and 8:00pm. For polling place information, contact the Union County Board of Elections at 908-527-4123 or www.ucnj.org/ucboe, your municipal clerk's office or visit the New Jersey Division of Elections website at <https://voter.njsvrs.com/elections/polling-lookup.html>.

THE PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO BE VOTED UPON ARE AS FOLLOWS:

BOND PROPOSAL QUESTION #1

The Board of Education of the Township of Berkeley Heights in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "Board") is authorized to (a) undertake various security, technology, site and building interior improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades at Mary Kay McMillin Early Childhood Center, including acquisition and installation of fixtures, furniture, equipment, and any site work; (b) undertake various security, technology, site and building interior improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades at Mountain Park Elementary School, including acquisition and installation of fixtures, furniture, equipment, and any site work; (c) undertake various security, technology, site and building interior improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades at Thomas P. Hughes Elementary School, including acquisition and installation of fixtures, furniture, equipment, and any site work; (d) undertake various security, technology, site, roofing and building interior improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades at William Woodruff Elementary School, including acquisition and installation of fixtures, furniture, equipment, and any site work; (e) undertake various security, technology, site and building interior improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades at Columbia Middle School, including acquisition and installation of fixtures, furniture, equipment, and any site work; (f) undertake various security, technology, site and building interior improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades at Governor Livingston High School, including acquisition and installation of fixtures, furniture, equipment, and any site work; (g) appropriate \$21,227,001 for such improvements; and (h) issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$21,227,001.

The final eligible costs for the projects approved by the New Jersey Commissioner of Education are \$20,747,001 (consisting of \$2,452,510 for Mary Kay McMillin Early Childhood Center, \$1,636,642 for Mountain Park Elementary School, \$2,162,234 for Thomas P. Hughes Elementary School, \$3,182,794 for William Woodruff Elementary School, \$4,063,679 for Columbia Middle School, and \$7,249,142 for Governor Livingston High School). The projects include \$480,000 (consisting of \$25,000 for Mary Kay McMillin Early Childhood Center, \$25,000 for Mountain Park Elementary School, \$40,000 for Thomas P. Hughes Elementary School, \$15,000 for William Woodruff Elementary School, \$75,000 for Columbia Middle School, and \$300,000 for Governor Livingston High School) for school facility construction elements in addition to the facilities efficiency standards developed by the Commissioner of Education or not otherwise eligible for State support pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5(g). The State debt service aid percentage is 40% of the annual debt service due with respect to the final eligible costs of the projects. The Board of Education is authorized to transfer funds among the projects approved at this election.

Do you approve this Bond Proposal Question #1?

BOND PROPOSAL QUESTION #2

(Bond Proposal Question #2 will only go into effect if Bond Proposal Question #1 is also approved by the voters at this election.)

The Board of Education of the Township of Berkeley Heights in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "Board") is authorized to (a) undertake improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades at Mary Kay McMillin Early Childhood Center, including but not limited to replacement of select HVAC equipment and systems, including acquisition and installation of fixtures, equipment, and any site work; (b) undertake various improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades at Mountain Park Elementary School, including but not limited to replacement of select HVAC equipment and systems and replacement of a portion of roofing, including acquisition and installation of fixtures, equipment, and any site work; (c) undertake improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades at William Woodruff Elementary School, including but not limited to the replacement of the select HVAC equipment and systems, including acquisition and installation of fixtures, equipment, and any site work; (d) undertake various improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades at Columbia Middle School, including but not limited to the replacement of select HVAC equipment and systems and a portion of roofing, and upgrades and renovations to various classrooms, including acquisition and installation of fixtures, furniture, equipment, and any site work; (e) undertake various improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades at Governor Livingston High School, including but not limited to electrical upgrades, replacement of a portion of roofing, and upgrades and renovations to various classrooms, including acquisition and installation of fixtures, furniture, equipment, and any site work; (f) appropriate \$29,125,969 for such improvements; and (g) issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$29,125,969.

The final eligible costs for the projects approved by the New Jersey Commissioner of Education are \$28,915,969 (consisting of \$3,128,933 for Mary Kay McMillin Early Childhood Center, \$5,596,635 for Mountain Park Elementary School, \$3,706,844 for William Woodruff Elementary School, \$6,088,886 for Columbia Middle School, and \$10,394,671 for Governor Livingston High School). The projects include \$210,000 (consisting of \$0 for Mary Kay McMillin Early Childhood Center, \$0 for Mountain Park Elementary School, \$0 for William Woodruff Elementary School, \$145,000 for Columbia Middle School, and \$65,000 for Governor Livingston High School) for school facility construction elements in addition to the facilities efficiency standards developed by the Commissioner of Education or not otherwise eligible for State support pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5(g). The State debt service aid percentage is 40% of the annual debt service due with respect to the final eligible costs of the projects. The Board of Education is authorized to transfer funds among the projects approved at this election.

Do you approve this Bond Proposal Question #2?

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

At this election, the voters of the school district are being asked to consider Bond Proposal Questions #1 and #2. As set forth above, Bond Proposal Question #2 will only go into effect if Bond Proposal Question #1 is also approved by the voters at this election.

If Bond Proposal Questions #1 and #2 are approved by the voters at this election, the Board of Education will be authorized to (a) undertake various improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades at Mary Kay McMillin Early Childhood Center, including but not limited to interior renovations, security and technology upgrades, site improvements, and select HVAC equipment and systems upgrades; (b) undertake various improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades at Mountain Park Elementary School, including

but not limited to interior renovations, security and technology upgrades, site improvements, partial roofing replacement, and select HVAC equipment and systems upgrades; (c) undertake various improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades at Thomas P. Hughes Elementary School, including but not limited to interior renovations, security and technology upgrades, and site improvements; (d) undertake various improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades at William Woodruff Elementary School, including but not limited to interior renovations, security and technology upgrades, site improvements, partial roofing replacement, and select HVAC equipment and systems upgrades; (e) undertake various improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades at Columbia Middle School, including but not limited to interior renovations, security and technology upgrades, site improvements, partial roofing replacement, and select HVAC equipment upgrades; and (f) undertake various improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades at Governor Livingston High School, including but not limited to interior renovations, security and technology upgrades, site improvements, partial roofing replacement, and electrical upgrades. The foregoing improvements shall include the acquisition and installation of fixtures, furniture, equipment, and any site work.

The total cost for the projects will be \$50,352,970, and the Board of Education will be authorized to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$50,352,970. The final eligible costs for the projects approved by the New Jersey Commissioner of Education are \$49,662,970 (consisting of \$5,581,443 for Mary Kay McMillin Early Childhood Center, \$7,233,277 for Mountain Park Elementary School, \$2,162,234 for Thomas P. Hughes Elementary School, \$6,889,638 for William Woodruff Elementary School, \$10,152,565 for Columbia Middle School, and \$17,643,813 for Governor Livingston High School). The projects include \$690,000 (consisting of \$25,000 for Mary Kay McMillin Early Childhood Center, \$25,000 for Mountain Park Elementary School, \$40,000 for Thomas P. Hughes Elementary School, \$15,000 for William Woodruff Elementary School, \$220,000 for Columbia Middle School, and \$365,000 for Governor Livingston High School) for school facility construction elements in addition to the facilities efficiency standards developed by the Commissioner of Education or not otherwise eligible for State support pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5(g). The State debt service aid percentage is 40% of the annual debt service due with respect to the final eligible costs of the projects. The Board of Education is authorized to transfer funds among the projects approved at this election.