



2022 Upcoming Elections

Bristol-Plymouth District-Wide Election ~
Rehoboth Debt Exclusion Ballot Vote

Saturday, March 5, 2022 and

Annual Town Election ~ Tuesday, April 5, 2022

**IMPORTANT
REPRECINCTING & POLLING
LOCATION CHANGES**

TOWN OF REHOBOTH



**Saturday, March 5, 2022 – Bristol-Plymouth District-Wide
Election & Rehoboth Debt Exclusion Ballot Vote**

POLLS OPEN

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Tuesday, April 5, 2022 – Annual Town Election

POLLS OPEN

7:00 AM – 8:00 PM

ALL FOUR PRECINCTS VOTING ONLY AT

**The Francis Farm Community Complex – Museum Building
27 Francis Farm Road, (Off County Street), Rehoboth**

Massachusetts Official
Absentee Ballot Application

See reverse side for instructions



William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth

Voter Information

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Date of Birth: _____ Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Ballot Information

(Independent voters may vote in a primary without registering with a party)

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Mail Ballot to: _____

Ballot Requested For:

- All elections this year
- All general elections (No primaries)
- A specific election: _____
Date of Election

Party (only if requesting primary ballot):

State Primaries: _____

Presidential Primary: _____

Special Circumstances
(If applicable)

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Assisting person's name: _____
Assisting person's address: _____

Signed (under penalty of perjury): _____ Date: _____

**PLEASE READ:
IMPORTANT
MESSAGE**

A Note from the Board of Selectmen Regarding the Bristol-Plymouth District-Wide Election and Rehoboth Override/Debt-Exclusion Ballot Question

Residents of Rehoboth ~ On March 5th, you are being asked to go to the polls (at the new Francis Farm central polling location) to vote on an important issue presented to the town: the request from the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School (“BP”) to build a new 300+ million-dollar facility in Taunton. BP is a regional school district, which we are a member of.

When you go to the polls on the 5th, you will be handed two ballots. The first ballot asks you to approve or not approve BP’s building project. The second ballot asks you to fund Rehoboth’s portion of the project, should it pass, via a debt exclusion.

There are seven member communities of the BP district: Berkley, Bridgewater, Dighton, Middleboro, Raynham, Rehoboth, and Taunton. For the project to be approved, a simple majority of combined voters from **all** towns who participate in the BP district must vote to approve the project. This means even if a town overwhelmingly votes to reject the project, if the project receives a majority vote overall when adding the votes together from all the communities, the project still passes, and all member communities – even those who reject it – must pay for the project. This is different from our own regional high school with Dighton where a capital project at the high school must pass both towns in order to continue.

If BP’s project request is approved, how each member community chooses to pay for its share of the project is entirely up to the community. Some communities may choose to pay for its share within its regular tax levy. Other communities, such as Rehoboth, will have to ask for a debt exclusion, as we have no excess levy capacity we can use to pay for the project. Without the additional monies raised via a debt-exclusion, if the project passes, we would still have to find the money somewhere to pay for our portion of the project. Those of you who attend Town Meetings would need to decide how to fund this project (e.g., where to reduce other appropriations to free up monies for the BP assessment.) **There are four possible scenarios from voting on the 5th.**

Project Ballot	Debt Exclusion	What it Means
Passes	Passes	The project is approved and will move forward. When the BP District sends us a capital assessment to pay for the new facility, it will be funded via a property tax increase. The term of this debt exclusion is 30 years. The payment the town will need to make annually will be based on the number of students from the town enrolled in BP.
Passes	Fails	The project is approved and will move forward. When the BP District sends us a capital assessment for our portion of the new facility, the town is obligated to pay it. Without the debt exclusion, the town will have to pay the additional charges out of its regular tax levy, which means the town will likely need to make cuts to its operating budget, or to the amount it pays to the DR Regional School District.
Fails	Passes	The project is not approved and even though the debt exclusion passes there is no increase in taxes because the project failed to gain approval from the member communities. The debt exclusion question becomes a moot issue for all practical purposes.
Fails	Fails	The project is not approved and as with the above example the debt exclusion question is a moot issue. There will be no tax increase.

Continued Message from Rehoboth Board of Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen, as the elected executive board of the Town of Rehoboth, does not take a position either for or against either of the questions you will be presented with on the 5th. Rather, it is our responsibility to make you aware of the questions and their impact on the town and its residents.

For a discussion on the merits of the project, please view the presentation made by Dr. Alexandre Magalhaes (the Superintendent-Director of BP) and his staff, on Rehoboth Public TV Channel 9. You can also view this presentation online at <https://www.rehobothtv.org/ondemandPlayer?ShowID=3774>. There is also information available on BP's web site you can view at <https://www.bptech.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=314>. Hopefully you will find these sources adequate to aid you in making a decision to approve or disapprove BP's request.

There are a couple of common questions people have asked the Selectmen regarding this project. I will attempt to address some of these briefly at this time.

The most common question was: **"How much will my taxes go up?"** With this project, this question is difficult to answer. The amount the town pays annually to BP depends on the number of students we have enrolled at the school. Although we can calculate a figure based the number of students we have at BP today, this number will vary – both up or down – on a yearly basis. The amount you pay will also vary annually based on your property's assessed value – if your assessed value changes, you will pay more or less depending on the change.

This said, if we look at an "average" home in Rehoboth, valued at \$402,000, that "average" homeowner could expect (based on how many students we currently have enrolled in BP this year) to see a \$99.81 annual increase (\$24.95/quarter) on their property tax bill.

The second question was: **"Is this a permanent increase?"** In this case, the answer is no. The term for the debt exclusion is 30 years. After 30 years, it will come off the property tax bill. This is different than a Proposition 2 ½ override, which is a permanent increase.

The third question people asked revolved around the wording of the debt-exclusion ballot question itself. **"Why doesn't it say for how long? This means it could be forever!"** and **"Why doesn't it have an amount? It is like writing a blank check!"** Unfortunately, the wording of the debt exclusion question is dictated by Massachusetts General Law, it isn't something either the Town Clerk or the Selectmen can modify. The term and amount unfortunately do not appear on the ballot. These values are usually voted on by Town Meeting (for a town-related debt-exclusion). In this case, by the BP school committee voted for the term and amount, prior to making it to the ballot question.

The final question people have asked is: **"What happens if we vote yes for the debt exclusion but the project doesn't pass? Will our taxes still go up?"** The answer in this case is "no". The debt exclusion is exclusively for the BP project. If the BP project fails to pass the debt exclusion becomes a moot issue, as there is no longer a project to fund. The debt exclusion you are voting on March 5th cannot be used for anything else other than the BP project.

Please take the time to come out and vote on the 5th! If you have further questions, do not hesitate to reach out to either myself, the Town Clerk, or another member of the Board of Selectmen.

For the Board of Selectmen,
Michael P. Deignan
mdeignan@rehobothma.gov
401-556-5062 (cell)

For more information on the Bristol Plymouth District-Wide Election and Town Election please continue reading.



- WHO** - All registered voters – Precincts 1, 2, 3 & 4
- WHAT** - Two Elections – (1) Bristol-Plymouth District-Wide Ballot Vote and Rehoboth Debt Exclusion Ballot Question
Saturday, March 5, 2022 from 9:00AM-3:00PM
 (2) Rehoboth Annual Town Election ~
Tuesday, April 5, 2022 from 7:00AM-8:00PM
- WHERE** - **All Four Precincts Will Vote at the Francis Farm Community Complex ~ Museum Building ~ 27 Francis Farm Road (off County Street)**
- WHEN** - **B-P District-Wide Vote – Saturday, March 5, 2022 – 9:00AM-3:00PM**
Annual Town Election Vote - Tuesday, April 5, 2022-7:00AM – 8:00PM
- WHY** - On November 1, 2021 the Rehoboth Board of Selectmen voted to designate the newly acquired Francis Farm Community Complex "Museum" building as Rehoboth's "Centralized Voting Location", rather than holding our elections at a local school gymnasium due to student safety concerns raised by our local school committee. In addition, effective December 31, 2021 Rehoboth was required by law to move from three (3) precincts to four (4) precincts as a result of the Town's population as recorded in the 2020 Federal Census results. Using the Francis Farm Community Complex Museum as Rehoboth's Centralized Polling Location is intended to address the concerns of the School Committee and to avoid voter confusion over where to vote. All four (4) precincts will be voting at the same facility.

SPRING 2022 ELECTIONS – VOTER OPTIONS GUIDE

[Vote by Absentee Ballot**](#) or [Vote on Election Day](#).

ELECTION TYPE	DATE OF ELECTION	ELECTION DAY LOCATION	ELECTION DAY HOURS	DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE	ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION **DEADLINE
Bristol-Plymouth District-Wide Election	Saturday March 5, 2022	Francis Farm Museum*	9:00AM-3:00PM	February 11, 2022	Mailed Application: 3/1/2022 In-Person: 3/4/22 no later than 12:00 Noon
Annual Town Election	Tuesday April 5, 2022	Francis Farm Museum*	7:00AM – 8:00PM	March 16, 2022	Mailed Application: 3/30/2022 In-Person: 4/4/22 no later than 12:00 Noon

*Francis Farm Community Complex – Museum Building – 27 Francis Farm Road – Off County Street

**Absentee Ballot Application-Front and Back Cover.

Mail-In Application Deadline-3-1-2022 @ 5:00 PM ~ In-Person Absentee Application-(Appointment Only) Deadline 3-4-2022 at Noon
 Mail-In Application Deadline-3-30-2022 @5:00 PM ~ In-Person Absentee Application-(Appointment Only) Deadline 4-4-2022 at Noon

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Any registered voter who is unable to make it to the polls for either the March 5, 2022 Bristol-Plymouth & Debt Exclusion Vote or the April 5, 2022 Annual Town Election may vote by mail by completing and submitting an Absentee Ballot. Inside the front and back covers of this mailer, you will find an Absentee Ballot Application. Please complete, **sign with a handwritten, not typed, signature** and either scan and e-mail to us at TownClerk@RehobothMA.gov, drop off in the drop box outside of Town Hall, 340 Anawan Street, or mail to the Town Clerk's Office, 340 Anawan Street. **VERY IMPORTANT - APPLY EARLY** - to allow ample time for processing your application and for the postal services to deliver your ballot to you. **The best way to return your ballot is to place it in the Ballot Drop Box outside of Town Offices (340 Anawan Street).** If you would like to scan and return your signed absentee ballot application, please send to: TownClerk@RehobothMA.gov Please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk's Office should you have any questions or concerns. Inquiries should be sent via e-mail to TownClerk@RehobothMA.gov or call 508-252-6502 – Extension 3109, 3110, or 3112.

RETURN OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Ballots mailed from our office include a white return ballot envelope that is addressed to the Town Clerk's Office. You may return your ballot by mail (please see deadlines on previous page) or hand deliver your ballot by placing it in the ballot drop box outside of the Town Offices (deadline is close of polls on Election Day). **Please Note: Ballots CANNOT be returned to the polling location on Election Day - they must be returned to the Town Clerk's Office/Outside Drop Box for processing.**

Deadlines for Ballots to be Returned and Counted

- **Bristol-Plymouth District-Wide Election and Rehoboth Debt Exclusion Election** ~ All ballots must be received at Town Hall (340 Anawan Street) by **3:00PM on March 5, 2022**
- **Annual Town Election** ~ All ballots must be received at Town Hall (340 Anawan Street) by **8:00PM on April 5, 2022.**

SAVE TIME & AGGRAVATION - KNOW BEFORE YOU GO:

1. Am I a registered voter, what is my precinct & what is my party enrollment?

The deadline to register to vote or change your party affiliation for the Annual Town Election is **Wednesday, March 16, 2022**. The deadline to participate in the Bristol-Plymouth Election was February 11, 2022. You may verify your voter registration at:

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch/MyVoterRegStatus.aspx>

2. Is my voter status "active"?

Per state law, voters must return their signed street list census forms annually to the Town Clerk's office to maintain an active voter status. **Inactive voters are still eligible to vote** but will be required to complete additional forms and show an ID at the polls in order to vote. **Check your voter status online at:**

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch/MyVoterRegStatus.aspx>

3. What is my voting Precinct?

Voters are strongly encouraged to know what precinct they will be voting in before arriving at the polls, especially since the 2021-2022 Reapportioning process is complete. **Please refer to the post card mailed to voters for this information or you may check your precinct online at:**

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/wheredoivotema/bal/MyElectionInfo.aspx>

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SAVE TIME & AGGRAVATION - KNOW BEFORE YOU GO (Continued):

4. What will I be voting on?

Informed voters will reduce the amount of time necessary in the voting booths and reduce lines and crowding while voting. To view the sample ballots for the March 5, 2022 B-P ballot and debt exclusion question, please see pages 9 & 10 of this mailer or go to:

<https://www.rehobothma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif4911/f/uploads/3-5-2022-bp-districtwide-rehoboth-overridequestion-warrants-sample.pdf>

To view a sample ballot for the April 5, 2022, when the ballot is printed (mid-March) you may view on the following webpage: <https://www.rehobothma.gov/town-clerk/pages/elections-voting-links> then click on “Sample Ballot – April 5, 2022 Annual Town Election” link. This link will be activated when we receive the ballot.

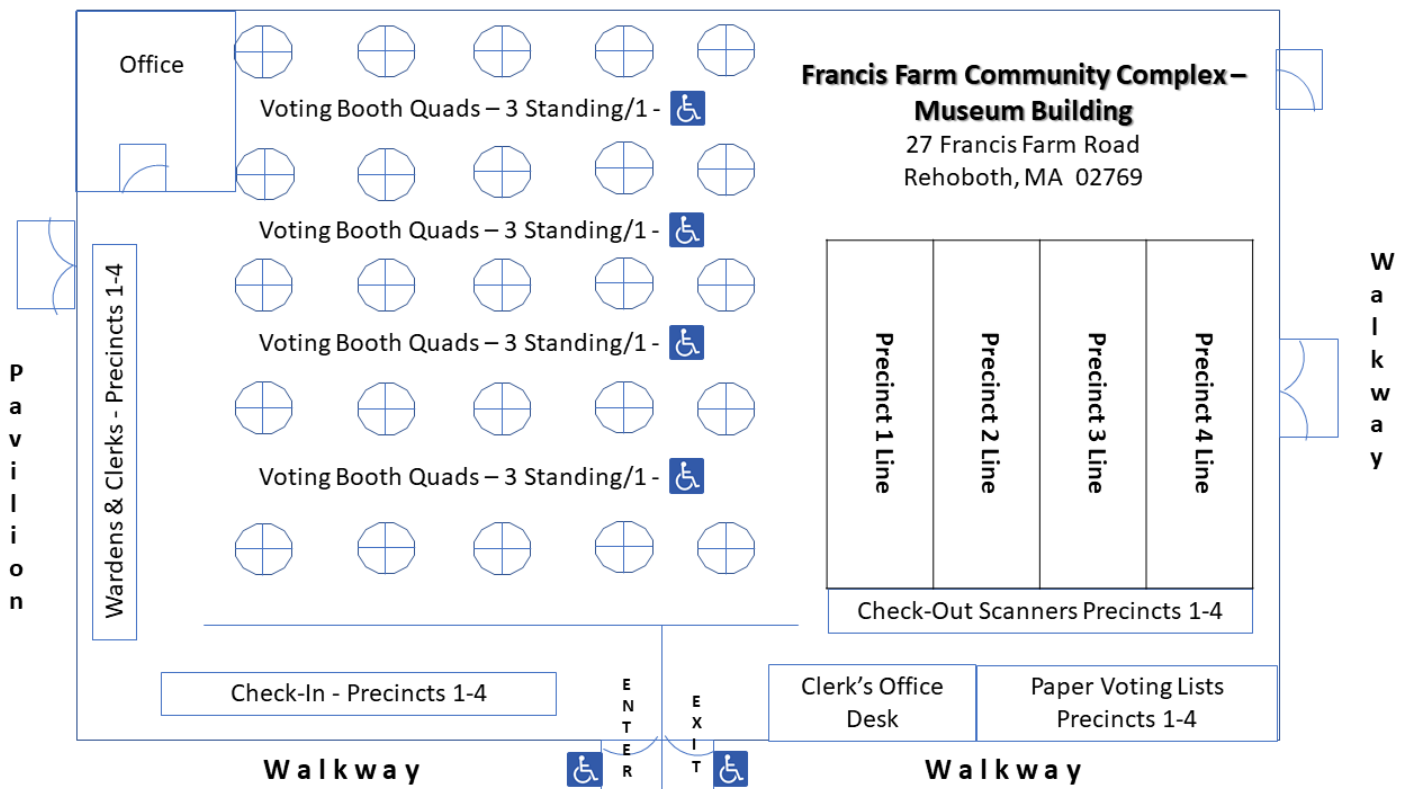
Our commitment at the polls is to keep voters and election workers safe:

- Voting Booths will be cleaned throughout the day.
- Unused or sanitized pens will be provided to those who need to borrow one.
- Hand sanitizer will be available.

For your convenience, please view the illustration and voting layout of the Francis Farm Community

Museum/Central Polling Location – Inside Polling Location Set-Up

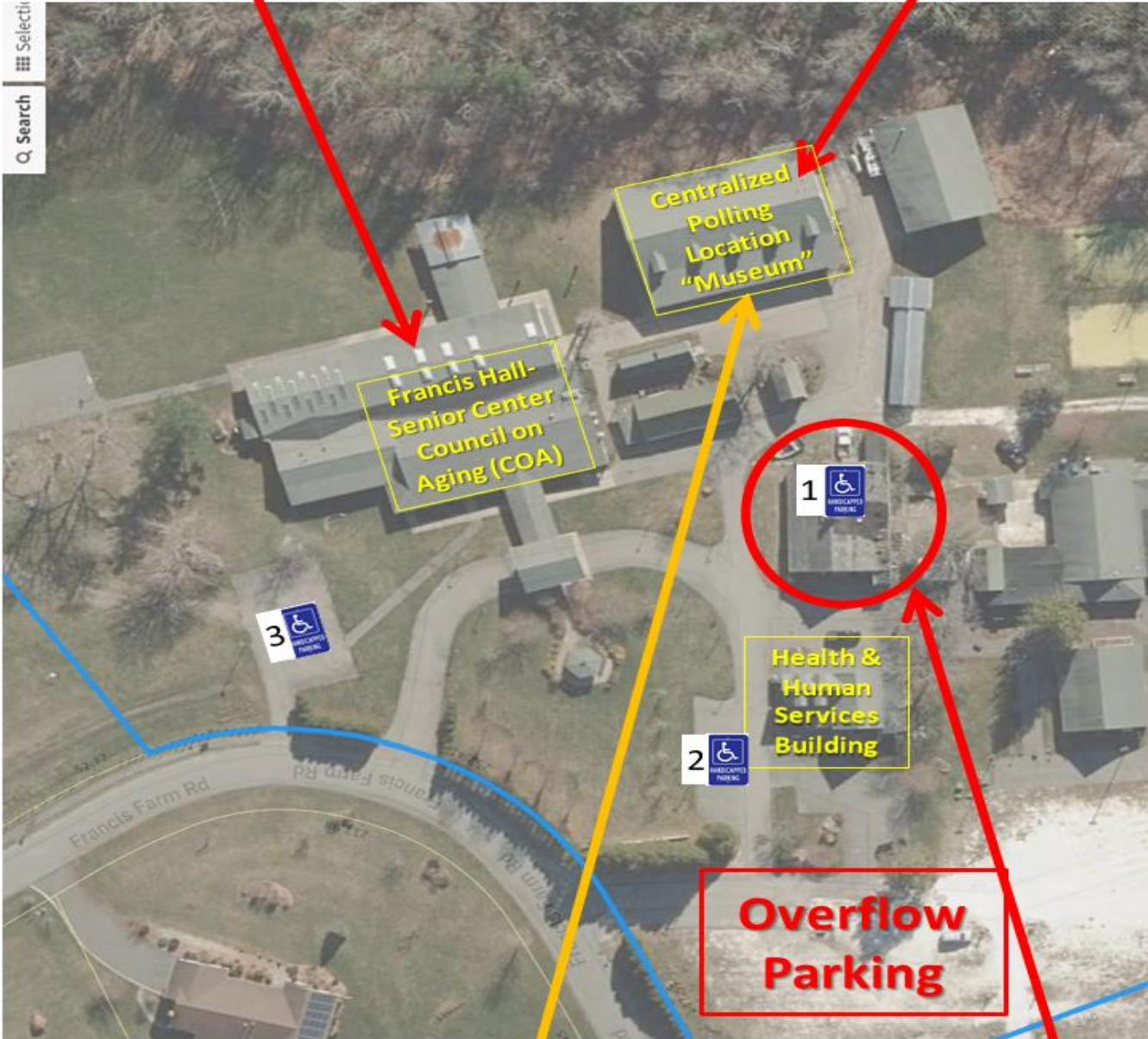
Complex-Museum Building below so you are aware of the new setup ~ thank you.



Rehoboth's Francis Farm Community Complex
 Centralized Voting
 COA/Senior Center
 Recreational Fields
 Health & Human Services Building
 27 Francis Farm Road
 Rehoboth, MA 02769

**Pavilion Area
 Overflow
 Voter Queueing Area**

**Museum Building
 Centralized Polling
 Location**




Handicapped Parking
 1=7 Total/2 Van Access
 2=7 Total/3 Van Access
 3=7 Total/3 Van Access

**Francis Farm Museum
 POLLING LOCATION
 ENTRANCE**
 Double Doors –
 Enter Left – Exit Right.

**This building was demolished
 and replaced with a paved
 parking lot in summer of 2021.
 Seven (7)-Temporary
 Handicapped places will be
 installed for Elections.**

SPECIMEN BALLOT

Penalty for willfully defacing, tearing down, removing or destroying a list of candidates or specimen ballot.

FINE NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.



REHOBOTH
**OFFICIAL BALLOT
SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTION
BRISTOL-PLYMOUTH REGIONAL VOCATIONAL
TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARCH 5, 2022**

[Signature]
District Secretary
Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational
Technical School District

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●

BALLOT QUESTION

Do you approve of the vote of the Regional District School Committee of the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School District, adopted on November 3, 2021, to authorize the borrowing of \$305,567,432 to pay costs of designing, constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new District high school to be located at 207 Hart Street, Taunton, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, which vote provides, in relevant part, as follows:

"VOTED: That the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical High School District (the "District") hereby appropriates the amount of \$305,567,432 for the purpose of paying costs of designing, constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new District high school to be located at 207 Hart Street, Taunton, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the District is authorized to borrow said amount, under and pursuant to Chapter 751, Section 6(d) of the Acts of 1965, as amended, G.L. c. 71, §16(n) as authorized by G.L. c. 71, §14D, and the District Agreement, as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The District acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District; provided further that any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA shall not exceed the lesser of (1) sixty-two and twenty-five hundredths percent (62.25%) of eligible, approved Project costs, as determined by the MSBA, and (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

The debt authorized by this vote of the Committee shall be submitted to the registered voters of the District's member towns and the City of Taunton for approval at a District-wide election to be held on March 5, 2022 in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 71, §14D and G.L. c. 71, §16(n) and the District Agreement."

YES NO

A True Copy.
Attest:

[Signature]
Constable

FEB 17 2022

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OFFICIAL BALLOT
SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
REHOBOTH, MASSACHUSETTS
MARCH 5, 2022

Laura L. Sabwell
TOWN CLERK

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BALLOT QUESTION

Shall the Town of Rehoboth be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to fund the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School District building project?

YES ○

NO ○

True Copy
Attest:

[Signature]
Constable

FEB 17 2022

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Town of Rehoboth
Rehoboth, Massachusetts 02769

Important
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Saturday-March 5, 2022 - B-P District-Wide Election
Tuesday-April 5, 2022 - Annual Town Election



PRESORTED STANDARD
U.S. Postage Paid
Attleboro, MA
Permit No. PI210

BOX HOLDER
Rehoboth, Massachusetts 02769

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE UPCOMING

BRISTOL-PLYMOUTH DISTRICT-WIDE ELECTION and ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

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TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022 and
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ALL FOUR PRECINCTS

VOTING AT ONE CENTRAL POLLING LOCATION – ONLY

FRANCIS FARM COMMUNITY COMPLEX – MUSEUM BUILDING

(27 Francis Farm Road – Off of County Street)