

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

Voting will be held at the:

**Berlin Elementary School, 53 School Street, in Berlin on
Tuesday, May 21, 2019, from 12:00 – 9:00 PM.**

Qualified voters will be asked to vote on:

THE 2019-2020 BUDGET

The Budget for the 2019 – 2020 school year is not to exceed **\$21,961,768**. This is an increase of 1.89% in the tax levy.

PROPOSITION #1 – BUS PURCHASE

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District, Rensselaer County, New York, is hereby authorized to purchase in fiscal year 2019-2020 three (3) 66 passenger buses, and one (1) 8 passenger vehicle and expend a gross sum not to exceed \$387,000. Which said total sum of \$387,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, may be raised by issue of obligations of the district therefore in accordance with the education law and local finance law.

PROPOSITION #2 - \$100,000 CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District, Rensselaer County, New York, is hereby authorized to continue to repair, replace, upgrade, reconstruct, and install and make improvements to the Gymnasium at the Berlin Elementary School building, including all original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, hardware and software and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, and is further authorized to expend therefore an amount not to exceed \$100,000, to be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

PROPOSITION #3 – CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District, Rensselaer County, New York, is hereby authorized and directed to establish a capital reserve fund, entitled “Capital Reserve Fund – Buildings and Grounds,” for the purpose of financing construction, reconstruction and/or renovation of district owned buildings, grounds, and facilities, in accordance with education law section 3651, with for a probable term not to exceed 10 years, in an ultimate amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, to be funded by future budget excess fund balance, tax levies, transfers from other established reserves, or interest earnings from such fund being added to the fund’s balance, in accordance with education law, in a maximum annual amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, and providing that no expenditures or transfers from this fund shall be made without the approval of a majority of the voting residents at an annual or special meeting called by the Board of Education.

BOARD OF EDUCATION SEATS

There are three people running for three open seats on the Berlin Central School District Board of Education. All three seats are three-year terms. Voters will have the opportunity to vote for three candidates. The candidates will appear on the ballot in the following order as determined by a random drawing.

Sherry Bowman-Kluck

Rachel Finney

Jeffrey Paine

APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE VOTING

Applications for absentee ballots can be requested by qualified voters if the voter is unable to appear in person to vote due to illness, physical disability, hospitalization; because of duties, occupation, business or studies outside of the county or town; vacation. Absentee ballot applications can be obtained from the District Clerk. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before 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. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 PM, on Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

**Anyone who has questions regarding the voting process can contact the
District Clerk, Mary Grant at 518-658-1500, option 8, extension 1010**