

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION
MADRID-WADDINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
TOWN OF MADRID, COUNTY OF ST LAWRENCE, NEW YORK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Madrid-Waddington Central School District, St. Lawrence County, Madrid, New York, will be held in the Junior-Senior High School building, in said District on May 14, 2024 at 5:00 PM prevailing time, for the presentation of the budget, unless otherwise authorized under Executive Order.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an annual meeting of the qualified voters of the Madrid-Waddington Central School District Number 1 of the Town of Madrid, St. Lawrence County, New York, will be held at the Junior-Senior High School in said District on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 between the hours of 1:00 PM and 8:00 PM, prevailing time in the Junior-Senior High School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting by ballot upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2024-2025 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

2. To elect 2 members of the Board as described below:

<u>Term</u>	<u>Name of Last Incumbent</u>
5-year	Bruce Durant
5-year	Robert Smith

Vacancies upon the Board of Education shall not be considered separate, specific offices, and nominating petitions shall not describe any specific vacancy upon the Board of Education for which the candidate is nominated.

3. Bus and Vehicle Referendum as follows:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Madrid-Waddington Central School District be authorized and directed to purchase one (1) 72-passenger handicapped bus and one (1) 24-passenger handicapped bus to expend therefore an aggregate sum, not to exceed \$350,000; which sum shall be raised by tax on the taxable property of the District; and

That the Board of Education be authorized to expend funds from the existing Transportation and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to fund the cost of the buses in whole or part; and

That the Board of Education be authorized in accordance with the provisions of the Education and Local Finance Law to borrow on the credit of the District a sum, not to exceed \$350,000, to fund the cost of the buses and to issue obligations of the District not to exceed that amount to finance the purchase of the buses and vehicles in whole or part.

4. Capital Outlay Referendum as follows:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Madrid-Waddington Central School be authorized and directed to expend up to \$100,000 from the Building Reserve in part or whole which includes the removal of windows in select classrooms and offices and installation of new thermally broken, aluminum double hung windows with insulated glass. The size and color of the new windows will match the existing windows. Work will also include painting the existing steel lintels above the windows and sealing the perimeter of the window units.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2024-2025 may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours beginning May 7, 2024, at the Superintendent's Office.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Business Office, no later than Monday, April 22, 2024, between 7:30 AM and 12:00 PM. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and shall be signed by at least 25 voters of the District, must state the name and residence of the candidate.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, those applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk. Any such application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the date of the election and budget vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before such election and budget vote if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued shall be available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk during regular office hours on each of the five days prior to the day of the vote (excluding Saturday and Sunday), and such list shall also be posted conspicuously at the place of voting. An absentee ballot must reach the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on May 21, 2024.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the annual vote and election. The School district may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law 2018-c. Such forms may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with 2035 and 2008 of the Education Law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with the Madrid-Waddington Central School Board of Education at the Junior Senior High School on or before April 23, 2024 at 12:00 PM prevailing time; must be typed or printed in English, must be

directed to the Clerk of the School District and signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence of each signer. However, the School Board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditure of monies is required by the proposition.

Julie Abrantes, District Clerk
Madrid-Waddington Central School
Town of Madrid, County of St Lawrence, New York

February 27, 2024