

**NOTICE OF
ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE, AND ELECTION
GOUVERNEUR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Gouverneur Central School District, St. Lawrence County, Gouverneur, New York, will be held in the High School Auditorium in said District on May 7, 2018 at 6:30 PM prevailing time, for the presentation of the 2018-2019 budget. The budget will be available for review on April 30, 2018 at the Gouverneur Central School Business Office and each school building office, during regular business hours.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the annual meeting of the qualified voters of the Gouverneur Central School District of the Town of Gouverneur St. Lawrence County, New York, will be held at the High School Auditorium in said District on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 between the hours of 12:00 PM and 8:00 PM, prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting by ballot or machine upon the following items:

- 1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2018-2019 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.***
- 2. To elect three (3) members of the Board, each for three-year terms commencing July 1, 2018 and expiring on June 30, 2021, to succeed Ed Siebels, whose term expires on June 30, 2018; Lisa Dunkelberg, whose term expires on June 30, 2018; and Nickolas Ormasen, whose term expires on June 30, 2018.***
- 3. To allow a high school student to serve as an ex officio, non-voting member of the Gouverneur Central School District Board of Education subject to the requirements of the Education Law.***

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 2018-2019, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours beginning May 1, 2018 at the District School Buildings.

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 Gouverneur District Offices, not later than Monday, April 16, 2018, between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, prevailing time. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and shall be signed by at least twenty-five (25) voters of the District and must state the name and residence of the candidate. Each vacancy is not a separate specific office.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application for absentee ballots will be obtainable between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday, except holidays, 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 not later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time on Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk on and after May 8, 2018 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM on weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election and May 15, 2018, the day set for the election. Any qualified voter present in the polling place may object to voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds for making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of polls.

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 next 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 form 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.

**Tatia Z. Kennedy, District Clerk
March 19, 2018
Gouverneur Central School District
133 East Barney Street
Gouverneur NY 13642**