

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION
OF THE WAINSCOTT SCHOOL DISTRICT SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing of the qualified voters of the Waincott School District, Town of Waincott, Suffolk County, New York, will be held in the Main Schoolhouse at 47 Waincott Main Street, in said district on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 6:00pm, prevailing time, for the transaction of business as authorized by the Education Law, including the following items:

1. To present to the voters a detailed statement of the amount of money which will be required for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.
2. To discuss all the items hereinafter set forth to be voted upon paper ballot at the Budget Vote and Election to be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.
3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to Education Law of the State of New York and acts amendatory thereto.

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 2026-2027, exclusive of public moneys, may be obtained by any resident of the District beginning April 30, 2026, between the hours of 8am-3pm, prevailing time, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays at the Office of the District Clerk, 79 Waincott Main Street, at The East Hampton Public Library and on the District's internet website.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that said Budget Vote and Election will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, in the Waincott School, between the hours of 2-8pm, prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by paper ballot upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2026-2027 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
2. To elect (one) member of the Board of Education for a three year term commencing July 1, 2026, and expiring on June 30, 2029, to fill the positions held by David Eagan, whose term expires on June 30, 2026.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law, the School District is required to attach to its proposed budget an exemption report. Said exemption report, which will also become part of the final budget, will show how the total assessed value of the final assessment roll used in the budgetary process is exempt from taxation, list every type of exemption granted by the statutory authority, and show the cumulative impact of each type of exemption, the cumulative amount expected to be received as payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) and the cumulative impact of all exemptions granted. In addition, said exemption report shall be posted on any bulletin board maintained by the District for public notices and on any website maintained by the District.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons who wish to vote must present himself or herself at the meeting in order to establish that he or she is eligible to vote and after he or she has been placed on the poll list may cast a ballot.

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 79 Wainscott Main Street, not later than April 20, 2026, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing time. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District. Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large. Nominating petitions shall not describe any specific vacancy upon the Board for which the candidate is nominated.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that applications for early mail ballots and absentee ballots will be obtainable during school business hours from the District Clerk beginning April 20, 2026; completed applications must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than April 20, 2026 and at least seven (7) days before the election, May 12, 2026, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, May 18, 2026, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Early mail ballots and absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the District Clerk shall mail an early mail ballot to every qualified voter otherwise eligible for such ballot, who requests an early mail ballot from the District Clerk in a letter which is signed by the voter and received by the District Clerk not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day before the election, April 20, 2026, nor later than the seventh (7th) day before the election, May 12, 2026, and which states the address where the voter resides and to which the ballot is to be mailed. The early mail ballot of a voter who requested a ballot by letter, rather than application, shall not be counted unless a valid application form, signed by such voter, is received by the District Clerk together with the early mail ballot.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military voters who are qualified voters of the district may submit an application for a military ballot on or before 5:00 pm on April 23, 2026 to Norma R. Bushman, District Clerk, at her office in 79 Wainscott Main Street, Monday-Friday when school is in session from 8:00am – 3:00pm, or by email to nbushman@wainscottschool.org. In the request for an application for a military ballot, the military voter is permitted to designate his/her preference for receiving the application for a military ballot, and the military ballot, by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail. All qualified military voters' ballot application and military ballot must be returned by mail or in person. Ballots for military voters shall be distributed to qualified military voters no later than April 24, 2026. Military ballots must be received by the District Clerk (1) before the close of the polls, on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, and must show a cancellation mark of the United States postal service or a foreign country's postal service, or must show a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the United States Government; or (2) not later than 5:00 pm on the day of the election and be signed and dated by the military voter and one witness, with a date ascertained to be not later than the day before the election.

A list of persons to whom early mail and 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 Thursday, May 14, 2026, between the hours of 8am-3pm, prevailing time, on each day prior to the day set for the annual election, except Sunday, and on May 19, 2026, the day set for the election. Any qualified voter then present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds by making his or her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls. A challenge to an absentee ballot may not be made on the basis that the voter should have applied for an early mail ballot.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with Section 2035 of the Education Law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Education at the District Office, 79 Wainscott Main Street, Wainscott, NY in sufficient time to permit notice of the proposition to be included with the Notice of the Public Hearing, Budget Vote and Election required by Section 2003 of the Education Law or on or before at least 30 days prior to annual meeting and election (April 20, 2026), at 8am-5pm, prevailing time; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District (representing of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election); and must legibly state the name 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, which is unlawful, or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditure of monies is required by the proposition, or where other valid reason exists for excluding the proposition from the ballot.

Dated: Wainscott New York 3/30/26

By Order of the
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
Wainscott School District
Wainscott, New York
Norma R. Bushman, District Clerk