

## **Local School Board Elections are Very Important**

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School Budget Votes and Trustee Elections have taken place throughout New York State on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, with polls open from 7 AM to 10 PM. Your local school district has the specific voting location.

This basic civic engagement and participation in the process is essential to ensure that your tax dollars are appropriately allotted to meet the needs of all the children in our community in the most cost-effective way.

Your school Board Trustees approve curriculum, employ the Superintendent, and submit the proposed budget to the community for approval. They provide oversight with the objective of improving student achievement.

Voters should look for School Board candidates that are non-political, who advocate for the best interests of the students they represent.

Voter Eligibility Requirements are:

- A citizen of the United States, and
- A resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to the vote, and
- At least 18 years of age, and
- A registered voter (anyone who has voted in a school district or general election during the four years prior to the upcoming election need not re-register)

You may register to vote with your School District Clerk prior to May 12, 2022 at 4PM.