



Elmont Union Free School District

CULTIVATING SCHOLARS AND GLOBAL CITIZENS

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Superintendent of Schools

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Good Morning Ladies and Gentlemen,

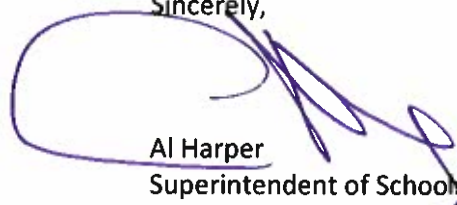
I am writing regarding the budget vote and election of board members for school year 2020-2021. As you are aware the regular election scheduled for May 19, 2020 was postponed by an executive order from the governor because of the corona virus. On May 1, 2020 the governor issued executive order 202.26 which set out the procedures the school districts must follow to conduct the election. The governor directed that the entire election is to be conducted by absentee ballot on June 9, 2020.

There are some departures from the procedures contained in the absentee ballot statute, the executive order replaces them. The district will mail ballots to every registered voter in Elmont. To do so we are in the process of completing the printing thirty-six thousand (36,000) ballots. Each ballot requires three envelopes, the outer envelope addressed to the voter and inside that an envelope with the voter's oath, signature and name together with an envelope in which the voter places the ballot. We have ordered over 108,000 envelopes and we expect delivery this week. We could not print the ballots until after May 12th in order to comply with other statutory requirements. As soon as the ballots were printed our staff began folding the ballots to have them ready when the envelopes, which had already been ordered.

When we receive the envelopes we will print the oath etc. on 36,000, print names and addresses on another 36,000 and any necessary information on the remaining 36,000. The envelopes will then be filled and mailed.

Conducting an election in this manner presents many tasks. Obtaining supplies directly required by this election required substantial effort. The number of envelopes for instance, meant we were ordering thousands of envelopes when other neighboring districts with larger student populations were attempting to purchase thousands more. We have, however, the supplies on order and we expect to be able to send the ballots out next week.

Sincerely,



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