## TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO VOTERS

## **BEFORE ELECTION DAY:**

CHECKLIST POSTED by February 4, 2024. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. SAMPLE BALLOTS will be posted by February 14, 2024.

**HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE:** There is no deadline to register to vote. You can register prior to the election by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to **olvr.vermont.gov**. You may also register to vote on the day of the election <u>at the polling place</u>.

**REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS**: You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone, email, or online at mvp.sec.state.vt.us. The latest you can request ballots for the Annual Meeting is the close of the Town Clerk's office, Monday, **March 4, 2024**. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

#### WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:

- You may vote in the town clerk's office before the deadline.
- Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the clerk's office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
- Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- If you are sick or disabled before Election Day, ask the town clerk to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.)

## **ON ELECTION DAY:**

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form.

! If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter on Election Day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

If you are a first-time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the required document, you must provide a current and valid photo identification, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name/current address.

If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

# If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.

## THE LAW PROHIBITS THE FOLLOWING-DO NOT:

- ! Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- ! Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's eligibility to vote.
- ! Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- ! Offer a bribe, threaten, or intimidate a person to vote for a candidate.
- Hinder or interfere with the progress of a voter going into or out of a polling place but does NOT specify any number of feet that campaigners need to be away from the polls outside. The presiding officer will set reasonable rules for where campaigners can stand.

## FOR HELP OR INFORMATION: Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)

If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated, you may call the Elections Division at 800-4369-8683 pr (802)828-2363. You may also file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-1101. If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office, the County Stat's Attorney or the Vermont Attorney General.

If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Vote Tabulator Ballots**

#### CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS:

- Go to the entrance checklist table.
- Give name and, if asked, street address to the election official in a loud voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- An election official will give you a ballot.
- Enter within the guardrail and go to a vacant voting booth.

MARK YOUR BALLOT: For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one, or Vote for not more than two, etc."

- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate you want to vote for.
- WRITE-IN candidate(s). To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and either write-in the name or paste on sticker, then fill in the oval.

## CHECK OUT:

- Go to the exit checklist table and state your name in an audible voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- CAST YOUR VOTE bydepositing your voted ballot into the vote tabulating machine.

LEAVE the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.

## SCHOOL WARNING TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

The legal voters of the Twin Valley Unified Union School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Twin Valley Middle High School Auditorium in said Town of Whitingham, Vermont on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 6:00pm to act on Articles XI and XII of the School District Warning, directly followed by a Budget Informational Meeting.

The meeting will then be adjourned until Tuesday, March 5, 2024, for voting on Articles I-X by Australian Ballot.

- In Wilmington, at the Old School Enrichment Center, polls open from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm
- In Whitingham, at the Twin Valley Middle High School Gymnasium, polls open from 10:00 am until 7:00 pm
- Early mail-in ballots may be requested from the voter's Town Clerk Office

#### **ARTICLE I**

To elect a Moderator, by Australian Ballot

**ARTICLE II** 

To elect a Clerk, by Australian Ballot

## **ARTICLE III**

To elect a Treasurer, by Australian Ballot.

## **ARTICLE IV**

To elect (3) School Directors, for two (3) year terms and one two (2) year term remaining. To be voted by Australian Ballot.

#### **ARTICLE V**

To see if the voters of the Twin Valley Unified Union School District will approve a budget of \$10,847,426 necessary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024. To be voted by Australian Ballot.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

To see if the voters of the School District will authorize the School Directors to allocate \$125,000 of the FY 2023 surplus Fund Balance to the Maintenance Reserve Fund for the purpose of drainage repairs of the TVES school field. To be voted by Australian Ballot.

## ARTICLE VII

To see if the voters of the School District will authorize the School Directors to allocate \$90,000 of the FY 2023 Fund Balance to the Maintenance Reserve Fund for the purpose of maintaining the facilities and/or emergency repairs. To be voted by Australian Ballot.

## ARTICLE VIII

To see if the voters of the School District will authorize the School Directors to apply \$332,403 of the FY2023 Fund balance to the FY 2025 revenue. To be voted by Australian Ballot.

## ARTICLE IX

To see if the voters of the School District will authorize the School Directors to apply \$100,000 of the Tax Stabilization Reserve Account to the FY 2025 revenue. To be voted by Australian Ballot.

## ARTICLE X

To see if the voters of the School District will authorize the School Directors to contract with the Wilmington Police Department to provide a school safety officer using funds included in the proposed FY25 School District Budget. To be voted by Australian ballot.

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## **ARTICLE XI**

To hear the report of the Twin Valley Unified Union School District Officers and act thereon.

## ARTICLE XII

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

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## **Twin Valley Unified Union School Directors**

Kristy Corey, Chair Kathy Larsen, Vice Chair Jason Hartnett, Clerk Chad Bullock Jared Kingsley Ed Dornburgh

Dated at Wilmington, Vermont this 24 day of January 2024

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