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## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING AND VOTE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES OF THE SOLE SUPERVISORY DISTRICT OF BROOME, TIOGA AND DELAWARE COUNTIES, NEW YORK

The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Sole Supervisory District of Broome, Tioga and Delaware Counties, New York HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that a Special Meeting of the qualified voters of said Board of Cooperative Educational Services will be held at the polling places hereinafter set forth on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023, for the purpose of voting by paper ballot upon the proposition hereinafter set forth. Polls for the purpose of voting will be kept open between the hours of 12:00 o'clock P.M. Noon and 8:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time. The proposition is as follows:

## **CAPITAL PROJECT PROPOSITION**

Shall the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Sole Supervisory District of Broome, Tioga and Delaware Counties, New York ("BT BOCES"), be authorized to (a) undertake a capital project consisting of the construction of improvements and additions to, and reconstruction and renovation of certain buildings, facilities and sites of the BT BOCES at the Glenwood Road Campus, including site improvements, and original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, together with the acquisition of a parcel of land adjacent thereto for future use, at a maximum estimated cost of \$46,000,000 (the "Project"), (b) to expend \$6,000,000 of monies of the BT BOCES therefor, and in furtherance thereof, (c) to enter into any and all agreements and instruments necessary or desirable to effectuate a financing for said Project in an amount not to exceed \$40,000,000 through the auspices of the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York ("DASNY") including, but not limited to, authority to convey to DASNY such specific interests in real property or leasehold interests, including all or any portion of the Project and to enter into any lease or other agreement with DASNY, as may be necessary to effectuate said financing.

**DETERMINATION OF STATUS OF PROJECT UNDER THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT:** BT BOCES, acting as Lead Agency under the regulations of the State of New York promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") has determined on October 11, 2023 that the capital project set forth above is a Type I Action, which will not have any significant adverse impact upon the environment. SEQRA compliance materials are available in the office of the Clerk of the BT BOCES where they may be inspected during regular business hours. **ACQUISITION OF PARCEL OF LAND**: The parcel of land whose purchase is authorized in the Proposition is .72 acres with dwelling located immediately adjacent to the Glenwood Road Campus site southern boundary at 409 Glenwood Road at a cost of \$215,000. For future use for BT BOCES purposes.

**POLLING LOCATIONS**: NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that, the entire BOCES shall be deemed a single election district and for the convenience of voters, three polling places shall be provided, the locations of which are hereby designated as follows:

Polling Location	Polling Place and Address
BOCES Instructional Support	Glenwood Campus
Center	435 Glenwood Road
	Binghamton, New York
West Windsor Firehouse	West Windsor Fire Department
	9 Karla Drive
	Windsor, New York
The Quality Inn (former Treadway	1100 State Route 17C
Inn)	Owego, NY 13827

**VOTER QUALIFICATION**: NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that a person shall be entitled to vote at said Special Meeting of the voters of the BT BOCES who is: (1) a citizen of the United States; (2) eighteen years of age or older on the date of said Special Meeting; and (3) a resident within the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Sole Supervisory District of Broome, Tioga and Delaware Counties for a period of at least thirty consecutive days next preceding the Special Meeting date.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all persons offering to vote will be asked to provide one form of proof of residency. Such form may include but is not limited to a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, all persons offering to vote will also be required to provide their signature and address. Persons who do not provide a proof of residence may be asked to sign a declaration in order to be allowed to vote.

NOTICE OF FURTHER GIVEN (1) that persons who willfully make a false declaration of their right to vote after being challenged are guilty of a misdemeanor pursuant to Education Law section 1951(2)(c) and (2) that casting more than one ballot in this vote would be illegal and would subject any person doing so to appropriate legal action.

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS**: NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the BT Clerk located on the Glenwood Road Campus, in Binghamton, New York. Any such application must be received by the BT Clerk at least seven days before the date of the aforementioned Special Meeting if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before such Special Meeting, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. A list of all persons to whom absentee voter's ballots shall have been issued shall be available for public inspection in the office of the BT Clerk not less than five days prior to the date of the Special Meeting (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) during regular office hours until the date of the aforesaid Special Meeting. In addition, such list shall also be posted conspicuously at the places of voting during the hours of such Special Meeting.

**DISABLED VOTERS**: A person whose ability to appear personally at the polling place is substantially impaired by reason of permanent illness or physical disability and whose registration record has been marked "permanently disabled" by the County Board of Elections pursuant to the election law shall be entitled to receive an absentee ballot without making a separate application. The BOCES Clerk will request from the County Board of Elections a list of "permanently disabled" registered voters. By first class mail, the BOCES Clerk will send an absentee ballot to such voters at the last known address, with a request to the post office not to forward but to return it to the BOCES in five days if it cannot be delivered to the addressee.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES OF SOLE SUPERVISORY DISTRICT OF BROOME, TIOGA AND DELAWARE COUNTIES, NEW YORK

By /s/Michelle Hans

Name: Michelle Hans Title: Clerk of the BT BOCES