

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING, PERSONAL REGISTRATION
AND ABSENTEE BALLOTS**
Germantown Central School District
Columbia County, New York

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Special School District Meeting of the Germantown Central School District, Columbia County, New York, will be held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 (the “Election Date”) at 12:00 o’clock P.M. Noon, in the Germantown Elementary School Gymnasium, 123 Main Street, in Germantown, New York, at which the polls will be kept open between the hours of 12:00 o’clock P.M. Noon and 9:00 o’clock P.M., Prevailing Time, for the purpose of voting by paper ballot upon the following proposition:

PROPOSITION:
**CONSTRUCTION/RECONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUILDINGS/FACILITIES CAPITAL PROJECT**

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Germantown Central School District, Columbia County, New York, is hereby authorized to construct improvements and additions to and reconstruct various School District buildings and facilities, including a new bus garage and original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and site and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$13,918,711, and that \$2,000,000 of Capital Reserve Fund monies shall be used to pay a portion thereof, and that the remaining \$11,918,711 of said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

SEQRA DETERMINATION. The School District has determined that the capital project is a “Type II Action” pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(1), (2) and (10) (formerly (8)) of the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), the implementation of which as proposed, the School District has determined, as such, will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts. SEQRA compliance materials are on file in the office of the School District Clerk where they may be inspected during regular office hours upon appointment.

QUALIFIED VOTERS. The qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said Special District Meeting and Election. A qualified voter is one (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the Special District Meeting and election and not otherwise prohibited from voting (i.e. mentally incompetent or convicted felon). Qualified Voters must be registered to vote.

PERSONAL REGISTRATION. Notice is given that pursuant to section 2014 of the Education Law, Personal Registration of voters is required, and no person shall be entitled to vote at the Special District Meeting and Election to be held on December 19, 2023, whose name does not appear on the register of the District or who does not register as hereinafter provided, except a person who is otherwise qualified to vote and is registered under the provisions of Article 5 of the Election Law. The times and place of registration are set forth below, and any person shall be entitled to have that person's name placed upon such register, provided that at such meeting, that person is known or proven to the satisfaction of the District Clerk, to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school meeting or election for which such register is prepared.

The register of voters for said Special Meeting and Election shall include all persons who shall have presented themselves personally for registration for any annual budget vote and election or special district meeting or election and who shall have voted at any Annual or Special Meeting or Election conducted at any time during the 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 calendar years.

Notice is given that Personal Registration may be achieved Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 P.M. prevailing time at the Germantown Central School District Office, 123 Main Street, Germantown, New York up until December 12, 2023. Registration by qualified voters prior to a special district meeting must occur not more than seven days nor less than two days before the Election Date in the District Clerk's Office.

Notice is given that the register of the District, so prepared, including the names of military voters who submit valid registrations, will be filed in the office of the School District Clerk at the Germantown Central School District Office, 123 Main Street, Germantown, New York, where the same shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the district on each of the five (5) days prior to the Special Meeting and Election, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 P.M., prevailing time (with the exception of Sunday, and Saturday by appointment). Said register will be open for inspection at the Elementary School Gymnasium, 123 Main Street, Germantown, New York during the hours of the Special Meeting and Election.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Notice is given that Absentee Ballots may be applied for at the Office of the District Clerk. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no more than 30 and at least seven (7) days before the election, being Monday, December 11, 2023 at 4:00 P.M., prevailing time. If the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter or the voter's designee set forth in the application at the District Clerk's Office, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than the day before the election, being Monday, December 18, 2023 at 4:00 P.M., prevailing time. Absentee Ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M. prevailing time on December 19, 2023. A list of all persons to whom Absentee Ballots shall have been issued, and a list of military voters to whom Military Ballots shall have been issued will be available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the date of the Special Meeting, weekdays between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. prevailing time, and such list will also be posted at the polling place at the Special Meeting. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file written challenge of qualifications as a voter of any person whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge. Such

written challenge shall be transmitted by the District Clerk or designee of the Inspectors of Election on the election day.

DISABLED VOTERS. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2023-a of the Education Law, qualified voters who meet the criteria for “permanently disabled” and are so certified by the Columbia County Board of Elections, will receive absentee ballots by mail.

MILITARY VOTERS. Military Voters may request to register and/or request a military ballot from the District Clerk by requesting an application to register and/or for a military ballot from the District Clerk at 518-537-6281 Ext. 2302 or lshanley@germantowncsd.org. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application not later than 5:00 P.M. on November 20, 2023 the date twenty-six (29) days before the election day. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail. In order to be counted, military ballots must be received by the District no later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of election.

Notice is also given that the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the registration or ballot by mail, by facsimile or email. Military ballots will be mailed or otherwise distributed no later than 25 days before the election. As noted above, military ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on election day and showing a cancellation mark of the U.S postal service or a foreign country’s postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the U.S. government or signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereof, with a date which is ascertained to be not later than the day before the election. A list of all persons to whom military ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection by qualified voters of the District, upon request, until the day of the Special School District Meeting and Vote.

SNOW OR OTHER EMERGENCY CANCELLATION. In the event of a weather or other emergency which necessitates cancellation of the December 19, 2023 meeting, said Special District Meeting and Election shall be held on December 21, 2023 at the aforementioned time and place.

Dated: Germantown, New York
October 30, 2023

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE GERMANTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT, COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK

/s/Lisa Shanley