NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING OF THE VOTERS OF THE MEXICO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE MEXICO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Annual Meeting and Election of the qualified voters of said School District will be held on May 17, 2022 from 12 noon to 9:00 P.M., in the following polling places: the Mexico Elementary School Gymnasium, Academy Street, Mexico, for voters registered in Election District 1, the New Haven Elementary School, State Route 104, New Haven, for voters registered in Election District 2, and the Palermo Elementary School, County Route 45, Palermo, for voters registered in Election District 3.

TAKE NOTICE that the School District will hold a Budget Hearing at the Middle School Auditorium, 16 Fravor Road, Mexico, NY 13114, on May 5, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. for the purpose of discussion of the expenditure of funds and of budgeting thereof. At that time and place a Meet the Candidates Night will also be held at which time candidates for the Board of Education will be welcome to speak.

TAKE NOTICE that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, may be obtained by any resident of the District during the 14 days immediately preceding the Annual Election, except Saturday, Sunday, or a Holiday, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M., and on the date of the election, at each of the schoolhouses in the district.

TAKE NOTICE that the terms of office of present Board Members, Dennis Brooks and Connie Douglas will expire on June 30, 2022 and that the Annual Meeting and Election on May 17, 2022, voters will elect successors to the vacancies so created for terms of three years and to vote upon the school budget for the year 2022-2023 and to vote on the propositions hereafter described.

TAKE NOTICE that nominating petitions for the nomination of candidates to fill the aforesaid vacancies are available in and may be obtained at the District Office, 16 Fravor Road, Suite A, Mexico, NY. Nominating petitions must be filed between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. on school days when the District Office is open and must be filed with the District Clerk at least 30 days prior to the date of the election: on or before Monday, April 18, 2022.

TAKE NOTICE that at the Annual Meeting and Election, the following propositions and those properly submitted under the law will be presented to voters, with the proposed budget inserted following approval by the Board of Education:

PROPOSITION	I
(Budget)	

Shall the proposed budget for the Mexico Central School District as recommended by the Board of Education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, in the amount of \$_____ be adopted and shall the Board of Education be authorized to levy the necessary taxes, therefor?

PROPOSITION II (Student Transport Vehicles)

Shall the Board of Education purchase and finance seven (7) student transportation vehicles at an estimated cost not to exceed \$700,000, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto and to expend a total sum not to exceed \$700,000, which is estimated to be the total

maximum cost thereof, and levy a tax for the foregoing in the amount of \$700,000, which shall be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, bonds and notes of the District are hereby authorized to be issued at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$700,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

PROPOSITION III (2022 Capital Reserve Fund)

Shall the following proposition be adopted, to wit?:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Education Law section 3651, the Board of Education of the Mexico Academy and Central School District is hereby authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund, to be designated "2022 Capital Reserve Fund," to defray the cost of construction and reconstruction of School District buildings, facilities and grounds, including original equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, furnishings, and other incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, in an ultimate amount not to exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) plus accrued interest and other investment earnings. The 2022 Capital Reserve Fund shall have a probable term of ten (10) years. The Board of Education is further authorized to pay into the 2022 Capital Reserve Fund in the 2021-2022 school year and annually thereafter funds from the School District's available funds balance, State aid reimbursement to the School District on account of capital projects, such other monies as the voters may direct, and other legally available funds of the School District in an amount determined by the Board of Education up to the maximum authorized amount.

PROPOSITION IV (2022 Turf Capital Reserve Fund)

Shall the following proposition be adopted, to wit?:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mexico Central School District is hereby authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law, to be designated "2022 Turf Capital Reserve Fund," to defray the cost to, in whole or in part, finance renovation of the School District's athletic turf field including all costs incidental thereof, and in order to accomplish the same, in an amount not to exceed Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000.00) plus accrued interest and other investment earnings. The 2022 Turf Capital Reserve Fund shall have a probable term of ten (10) years. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to pay into the 2022 Turf Capital Reserve Fund in the 2021-22 school year and annually thereafter funds from the School District's available funds balance, State aid reimbursement to the School District, such other monies as the voters may direct, and other legally available funds of the School District, including funds generated by field use fees, in an amount determined by the Board of Education up to the maximum authorized amount.

PROPOSITION V

(Mexico Public Library Funding)

Shall the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000), which is an increase of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) over the existing levy of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000), be raised by annual levy of a tax upon the taxable real property within the Mexico Academy & Central School District for the purpose of funding the Mexico Public Library?

TAKE NOTICE that qualified voters may obtain applications for absentee ballots from the office of the District Clerk. Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 4:00 P.M. prevailing time, on May 16, 2022, and must be received no later than 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, on May 10, 2022 if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Completed applications received after 4:00 P.M. on May 10, 2022, will require the voter to personally appear at the Office of the District Clerk to receive an absentee ballot. A listing of all persons to whom an absentee ballot is issued will be available for inspection during the each of the 5 days before the election, except Sunday, by any qualified voter during regular business hours in the Office of the District Clerk through May 18, 2022, and shall also be posted at the polling places for the Annual Meeting. Guidance regarding absentee voting due to concerns related to COVID-19 will be published on the School District's website when available and questions may also be directed to the District Clerk at 315-963-8400 ext. 5401 or HRice@mexicocsd.org.

TAKE NOTICE that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the School District by requesting to be registered by the District Clerk at 315-963-8400 ext. 5401 or HRice@mexicocsd.org. Registered, qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at the phone number or email listed above. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 pm on April 21, 2022. 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 email.

TAKE NOTICE that a qualified voter of the District shall vote only at the polling place for the election district in which such voter resides, and no person shall be entitled to vote at such election whose name does not appear on the Register of the School District. Registration of otherwise unregistered voters shall take place at the District Office, 16 Fravor Rd. Suite A, Mexico, New York, between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. on any day when school is in session up to but not later than 2:00 P.M. on May 12, 2022. Any resident whose name currently appears on said register or on the register of the Oswego County Board of Elections for permanent personal registration or who has voted in any annual or special election within the four calendar years preceding 2022 need not register.