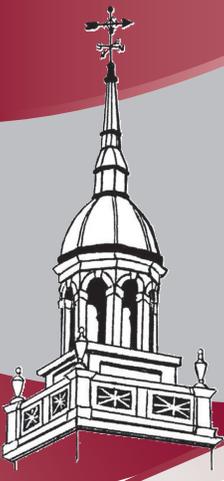


# Absentee Ballot Q&A



**Q: When is this year's school district budget vote and Board election, and how do I vote?**

**A:** Gov. Cuomo issued an executive order setting the revised date for the budget vote and school board election for Tuesday, June 9, 2020. Due to the pandemic, voting will be exclusively by absentee ballot. There will be no voting at the polls.

**Q: Who will receive an absentee ballot?**

**A:** Every qualified voter residing in the Garden City Union Free School District will be sent an absentee ballot with a postage-paid return envelope. Households will receive a separate mailing for each qualified voter. The envelope will contain the ballot, an envelope with the "voter statement" that must be signed, and a return mail envelope.

**Q: Am I a qualified voter?**

**A:** You are eligible to vote if you are a citizen of the United States, 18 years of age or older and a resident of the District for at least 30 days.

**Q: What if I haven't received an absentee ballot yet?**

**A:** If you registered to vote after May 1, 2020, and have not yet received your absentee ballot, please contact the district clerk at 516-478-1040.

**Q: What am I voting on?**

**A:** Voters will be asked to vote on the proposed school district budget for 2020-21. There is also a second separate proposition to use funding from the voter-approved 2019 Capital Reserve fund to transform existing space to create a new library/media center and collaborative learning spaces at the middle school and a new science research room at the high school. The Board of Education trustee election will also appear on the ballot.

**Q: I received my absentee ballot. What do I do now?**

**A:** Once you receive your ballot, carefully read the instructions on the ballot for completing the form. Each person receiving the ballot counts as a separate vote. After filling it out, place the completed ballot in the oath envelope and seal it. On the back of the oath envelope, you must sign and date along the seal. If you do not sign the oath envelope, your ballot will not be counted. Please then place the sealed oath envelope in the postage-paid return envelope and seal it.

**Do not place multiple ballots in one envelope.**

**Q: If I made a mistake when completing my ballot, what do I do?**

**A:** If you make a mistake when completing the ballot, contact the district clerk at 516-478-1040 for instructions on obtaining a new ballot.

**Q: When are ballots due back to the district?**

**A:** All ballots must be received by the district clerk by Tuesday, June 9 at 5 p.m. to be counted. The district clerk's office is located at 56 Cathedral Avenue, Garden City.

**Q: How do I return my absentee ballot to the district?**

**A:** You have two options for returning your ballot:

1. Mail it back to the district using the postage-paid return envelope. Please note that the ballots must be received (not postmarked) by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9; or
2. A drop box will be available for absentee ballots at the Administrative Offices at 56 Cathedral Avenue, Garden City. The box will be available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Tuesday, June 9 until 5 p.m. Absentee ballots must be received by the district clerk by 5 p.m. on June 9.

**Q: Is my ballot confidential?**

**A:** Yes. The ballots will be separated from the envelope containing your name and return address.

**Q: Where can I find more information on the proposed school district budget?**

**A:** Please visit the district's website for more information on the proposed budget: [www.gardencity.k12.ny.us](http://www.gardencity.k12.ny.us).