

**RESOLUTION CALLING THE 2021 ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AND ELECTION OF
THE ITHACA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING RELATED MATTERS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Ithaca City School District (the “District”) as follows:

Section 1. That the Board will conduct a public hearing at the District Administration Building, 400 Lake Street, Ithaca, New York, in the Board Room, on May 11, 2021, commencing at 5:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time (E.D.S.T.), for the purpose of discussing the expenditure of School District funds and the budget therefor for fiscal year 2021-2022.

Section 2. That for those “qualified voters” who are not yet “registered” to vote, the District has authorized continuous registration of qualified voters in the Office of the Clerk of the School District, 400 Lake Street, Ithaca, New York, until May 4, 2021, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., at which time any qualified voter who appears personally will be entitled to have his or her name placed on the District’s Register.

Section 3. That the Board hereby directs that the District’s proposed budget for the 2021-2022 school year shall be placed on the ballot at the Annual District Meeting and Election as Proposition No 1.

Section 4. That in addition to the budget proposition, the Board hereby adopts and approves the following proposition, pertaining to the appropriation and expenditure of funds from the District’s “2018 Capital Reserve Fund” to undertake capital projects and to purchase school buses, and the Board directs that this proposition be placed on the ballot at the Annual District Meeting and Election as Proposition No. 2, as follows:

Proposition No. 2

Shall the Board of Education of the Ithaca City School District (the “District”) be authorized to appropriate funds from the District's “2018 Capital Reserve Fund” in the maximum amount of \$336,756 and to expend these funds for the following purposes: (1) Bus Purchases: two (2) full size buses with wheelchair access; and one (1) transit van?

Section 5. That absentee ballots shall be mailed to permanently disabled voters by first-class mail.

Section 6. That except as hereinafter provided, the official Notice of the aforesaid public hearing and Annual District Meeting and Election shall be in the following form:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING, PERSONAL REGISTRATION AND
ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF THE ITHACA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Public Budget Hearing of the Ithaca City School District (the “District”) for the discussion of the expenditures and budgeting of funds for the 2021-2022 school year will be held at the District Administration Building, 400 Lake Street, Ithaca, New York, in the Board Room on May 11, 2021, commencing at 5:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time (E.D.S.T.).

NOTICE is also given that voting on: (I) the 2021-2022 annual District budget, which will appear

on the ballot as Proposition No. 1; (II) the appropriation and expenditure of funds from the District's "2018 Capital Reserve Fund" to undertake capital projects and to purchase school buses, as set forth in Proposition No. 2; (III) the election of members of the District's Board of Education; and (IV) the transaction of such other business as is authorized by law, will take place at the Annual District Meeting and Election on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at the District's designated polling places, in Election Districts numbered 1-12, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9 p.m., E.D.S.T., and that voting shall be conducted by voting machine.

NOTICE is also given that district residents may obtain a copy of a statement prepared by the Board of Education of the estimated expenses and the amount of money that will be required for school purposes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, together with the appendages required by Education Law §1716, may be obtained at each school in the District; at the District Office, 400 Lake Street, Ithaca, New York, on and after May 4, 2021, during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., each weekday except Saturday, Sunday or holiday; at the Tompkins County Public Library; and on the District's internet website at: <http://www.ithacacityschools.org>.

NOTICE is also given, in accordance with §495 of the N.Y. Real Property Tax Law, that the District shall prepare a Real Property Tax "Exemption Report" which will show how much of the assessed value on the final assessment roll (utilized for the school tax levy) is exempt from taxation by the District. The exemption report will list every type of exemption granted and will show: (1) the cumulative impact of each type of exemption; (2) the cumulative amount expected to be received as payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTS), or other payments, from recipients of each type of exemption; (3) the cumulative impact of all exemptions granted. The Exemption Report will be posted on the District's website and on District bulletin boards utilized for posting public notices. The Exemption Report will be annexed to any preliminary District budget, and will become part of the final budget.

NOTICE is also given, that in addition to the proposed District budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and school year, which will appear on the ballot as Proposition No. 1, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters, which will appear on the ballot as Proposition No. 2:

Proposition No. 2

Shall the Board of Education of the Ithaca City School District (the "District") be authorized to appropriate funds from the District's "2018 Capital Reserve Fund" in the maximum amount of \$336,756 and to expend these funds for the following purposes: (1) Bus Purchases: two (2) full size buses with wheelchair access; and one (1) transit van?

NOTICE is also given that three members of the Board of Education will be elected due to the expiration of the terms of Nicole LaFave, Moira Lang, and Ann Reichlin. The three candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to an at large full three-year term from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. Pursuant to the provisions of the Education Law, candidates for the at large office of Member of the Board of Education shall be nominated by petition. A separate petition shall be required to nominate each candidate. Each petition shall be signed by at least 50

qualified voters of the District, and shall state the name and residence of the candidate and each signer. Each petition shall be filed with the Clerk of the District between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. E.D.S.T., but no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28, 2021. Forms of petition may be obtained from the Clerk of the District and on the district website at <http://www.ithacacityschools.org>

NOTICE is given that the District has established personal registration of voters and has divided the School District into 12 election districts. Accordingly, the only persons entitled to vote on May 18, 2021 are those who are “qualified voters” and who are “registered” to vote as set forth herein. To be a “qualified voter” a person must be a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, and a legal resident of the District for a period of 30 days immediately preceding May 18, 2021. If a “qualified voter” has previously registered with the District or with the County Board of Elections and has voted within the last four (4) calendar years, he or she is eligible to vote at the May 18, 2021 Annual District Meeting and Election without re-registering. All other persons who wish to vote at the Annual District Meeting and Election must either pre-register with the District as set forth below, or be registered with the Tompkins County Elections Board to vote in general elections, pursuant to the provisions of Article 5 of the Election Law, on the date of the District’s Annual District Meeting and Election.

NOTICE is given that for those “qualified voters” who are not yet “registered” to vote, the District has authorized continuous registration of qualified voters in the Office of the Clerk of the School District, 400 Lake Street, Ithaca, New York, until May 4, 2021, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., at which time any qualified voter who appears personally will be entitled to have his or her name placed on the District’s Register.

NOTICE is also given that the election Register prepared pursuant to law shall be on file in the Office of the District Clerk, 400 Lake Street, Ithaca, New York, and shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District from May 13, 2021 through May 17, 2021, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., excepting Sunday.

NOTICE is also given that the place in each election district where the vote and election will occur is as follows:

1- LEHMAN ALTERNATIVE COMMUNITY SCHOOL 111 Chestnut Street, Ithaca, New York	7 - ENFIELD SCHOOL 20 Enfield Main Road, Ithaca, New York
2 - BEVERLY J. MARTIN SCHOOL 302 West Buffalo Street, Ithaca, New York	8 - FALL CREEK SCHOOL 202 King Street, Ithaca, New York
3 - BELLE SHERMAN ANNEX 75 Cornell Street, Ithaca, New York	9 - FRANZISKA RACKER CENTERS 3226 Wilkins Road, Ithaca, New York
4 - CAROLINE SCHOOL 2439 Slaterville Road, Ithaca, New York	10 - NORTHEAST SCHOOL 425 Winthrop Drive, Ithaca, New York
5 - CAYUGA HEIGHTS SCHOOL	11 - SOUTH HILL SCHOOL

110 East Upland Road, Ithaca, New York	520 Hudson Street, Ithaca, New York
6 - DANBY FIRE HALL 1780 Danby Road, Ithaca, New York	12 - VARNA COMMUNITY CENTER 943 Dryden Road, Ithaca, New York

Information regarding the legal boundaries of each election district and directions to the designated voter registration and polling places may be obtained from the Office of the District Clerk during normal business hours.

NOTICE is also given that qualified voters of the District may obtain applications for an absentee ballot at the District Office. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 11, 2021 if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter. If a completed application is received after 5:00 p.m. on May 11, 2021, the absentee ballot will not be mailed, but instead must be delivered personally to the voter. A listing of all persons to whom an absentee ballot is issued will be available for inspection by any qualified voter in the Office of the District Clerk between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. during each of the five days prior to the day of the election, except Sundays. Absentee ballots that do not reach the office of the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 will not be canvassed. Qualified voters who do not want to vote in person because of concerns surrounding COVID-19 and public gatherings may also request an absentee ballot on those grounds as provided by law and Executive Order(s) then in effect. 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.

NOTICE is also given that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as qualified voters of the school district. Military voters may request an application to register as a qualified voter from the District Clerk. Military voter registration application forms must be received in the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 3, 2021. In order for a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the school district must have received in the office of the school district clerk a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 pm on May 3, 2021. A military voter may designate a preference to receive a military voter registration, military ballot application or military ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail in their request for such registration, ballot application, or ballot. Such designation shall remain in effect until revoked or changed by the military voter. Ballots for military voters shall be mailed, or otherwise distributed, no later than May 4, 2021.

Dated: Tuesday March , 2021

Ithaca, New York

By Order of the Board of Education

Ithaca City School District

By: _____

Tricia Beresford, District Clerk

Section 7. That the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause Notice to be given in the form hereinabove prescribed by publishing the same in the Ithaca Journal and the-Trumansburg Free Press, two (2) newspapers having general circulation within the District, four (4) times during the seven (7) weeks preceding said vote and election, the first publication to be at least forty-five (45) days prior to said vote and election, but not sooner than the forty-nine (49) days prior to said vote and election; provided, however, that the District Clerk is hereby authorized, without further Board action, in her discretion, in consultation with the District’s legal counsel, to amend said Notice, as necessary to assure compliance with applicable law.

Section 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	
Robert Ainslie, President	Voting	__	__	__
Dr. Sean Eversley Bradwell , Vice President	Voting	__	__	__
Erin Croyle	Voting	__	__	__
Eldred Harris, JD	Voting	__	__	__
Nicole LaFave	Voting	__	__	__
Moira Lang	Voting	__	__	__
Christopher Malcolm	Voting	__	__	__
Ann Reichlin	Voting	__	__	__
Dr. Patricia Wasyliw	Voting	__	__	__

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK)

COUNTY OF TOMPKINS) ss:

I, TRICIA BERESFORD, District Clerk of the Ithaca City School District (the “District”), DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution of the Board of Education of the Ithaca City School District (the “Board of Education”) adopted on March 16, 2021 with the original thereof on file in my office, and the same is a true and correct copy of said original and the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to, and that all members of the Board of Education had due notice of said meeting, and that pursuant to Article VII of the Public Officers Law the meeting was open to the public.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Ithaca City School District this March 16, 2021.

(SEAL)

Tricia Beresford

District Clerk