

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND VOTE

ELLCOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT CATTARAUGUS COUNTY, NEW YORK

The Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District, Cattaraugus County, New York (the “District”) HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that a special meeting and vote of the qualified voters of the District (the “Special Meeting and Vote”) will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 in the foyer of the Elementary School building located at 5873 Route 219 South, Ellicottville, New York, at 1:00 p.m., prevailing time, for the purpose of voting by electronic scan voting machine(s) upon the proposition hereinafter set forth. Polls for the purpose of voting will be kept open between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, on that day. This assumes that the polling place is open and can be safely accessed in accordance with the terms of any prevailing law(s), executive order(s) or other directive(s) from controlling authorities that may be in effect on that day. If on December 10 the polling place cannot be so accessed, or if the polling place is closed on that day due to inclement weather (or for any other reason), it is the present intention of the District that the Special Meeting and Vote will be held on the day on which the polling place is next open and may be safely accessed, with the voting hours remaining the same. In such a situation, voters are asked to please consult the District’s website for guidance on the timing of, and procedures for holding, the re-scheduled Special Meeting and Vote.

PROPOSITION NO. 1 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, 2024

Shall the following resolutions be adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Ellicottville Central School District, Cattaraugus County, New York (the “District”), is hereby authorized to undertake a proposed “Capital Improvements Project, 2024” (the “Project”) consisting of the partial reconstruction, renovation and the construction of improvements and upgrades to various District buildings and facilities and the sites thereof, at an estimated maximum cost of \$4,530,000, to implement various health, safety, accessibility and Code compliance measures that are required by the State Education Department in connection with any significant capital improvements project and various other measures that are generally described in (but are not to be limited by) the written plan for the Project that was prepared by the District with the assistance of SEI Design Group (the “Project Plan”), which is available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk, with such work being anticipated to include, without limitation and to the extent as and where required, the particular elements that are described generally below. The Project is anticipated to include renovations and upgrades to the Elementary entrance door and upgrades to the boys’ locker room door. Additionally, proposed renovations and upgrades are anticipated to include various building system improvements. Such proposed mechanical upgrades are anticipated to include new boilers and related items including flue systems, trench drains and piping; ventilation and exhaust upgrades in select spaces including student areas and the art room and storage area; and cooling at the nurse’s suite. Proposed plumbing upgrades are anticipated to include domestic water storage

tank, water softener, air compressor for well tank and science rooms, piping for water heaters, and sanitary pump. Electrical improvements are anticipated to include power distribution upgrades including circuit panels and fire alarm system upgrades including alarms and carbon monoxide sensors. Interior space upgrades are anticipated to include flooring in select classrooms, elevator improvements, nurse's suite ceiling, and door hardware. Proposed exterior work is anticipated to include weeps at window heads, select window caulking, and soffit at main entrance; exterior steps, wall, and handrail; concrete sidewalk installation and minor masonry upgrades. The project is anticipated to include coordinating with the NYS Department of Transportation regarding restoring roadway caution lights. If the budget allows after receiving construction bids, or if other items are identified, additional similar renovations, upgrades and site work improvements could be undertaken. All of such work (or so much thereof as can be accomplished within the overall budget for the Project, once the construction bids are received) is to be undertaken at an estimated maximum cost of \$4,530,000, and will include the purchase of original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required in connection with the purposes for which such buildings, facilities and sites are used, and all ancillary or related work required in connection therewith, and the Board is authorized to expend therefor, including for preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated maximum cost of \$4,530,000, provided that the detailed costs of the components of the Project (as generally described in the Project Plan) may be reallocated among such components, or such components may be deleted, revised or supplemented if (1) the Board shall determine that such reallocation, deletion, revision or supplementation is in the best interests of the District and (2) the aggregate amount to be expended for the Project shall not exceed \$4,530,000 and (3) no material change shall be made in the overall scope and nature of the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a tax is hereby voted to finance the estimated maximum cost of the Project in an amount not to exceed \$4,530,000, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by the Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District including, without limitation, serial bonds, statutory installment bonds, bond anticipation notes and/or lease/purchase obligations, or any combination thereof, are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$4,530,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on such obligations as the same shall become due and payable; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the New York State Building Aid funds expected to be received by the District are anticipated to offset a substantial part of such costs, and such funds shall, to the extent received, be applied to offset and reduce the amount of taxes herein authorized to be levied.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that such Proposition No. 1 shall appear on the scannable ballot sheets to be utilized for voting in substantially the following abbreviated form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, 2024

YES

NO

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED, that (a) the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Ellicottville Central School District, Cattaraugus County, New York (the “District”) is hereby authorized to undertake a proposed Capital Improvements Project, 2024 (the “Project”) consisting of the partial reconstruction, renovation and the construction of improvements and upgrades to various District buildings and facilities and the sites thereof, to implement various health, safety, accessibility and Code compliance measures and various other measures that are included and generally described in (but are not to be limited by) the Project Plan that was referred to in the public notice of the vote on this Proposition, and to expend therefor an amount not to exceed \$4,530,000; (b) a tax is hereby voted in an amount not to exceed \$4,530,000 to finance the estimated maximum cost of the Project, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by the Board; (c) in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$4,530,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on such obligations as the same shall become due and payable; and (d) New York State Building Aid funds expected to be received by the District in connection with the Project are anticipated to offset a substantial part of such costs, and such funds, to the extent received, shall be applied to offset and reduce the amount of taxes herein authorized to be levied.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that an Environmental Assessment Form has been completed for all of the anticipated work involved in the Project, which constitutes an Unlisted action (and has also been coordinated with multiple agencies) under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), a thorough review of the Project’s potential environmental impacts has been undertaken, it has been found that the Project will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment, and a reasoned elaboration of the SEQRA review and findings has been provided in a Negative Declaration.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that military voters who are qualified voters of the District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application by not later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 15, 2024. 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.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be obtained at the office of the District Clerk between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time, except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Completed applications must be

received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the Special Meeting and Vote, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or on the day before the Special Meeting and Vote, if the ballot is to be issued personally to the voter at the District Clerk's office. The list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection in the office of the District Clerk, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time, until the day set for voting, except for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. No absentee ballot will be canvassed unless it is received prior to 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on December 10, 2024, in the office of the District Clerk, 5873 Route 219 South, Ellicottville, New York.

Dated: October 15, 2024
Ellicottville, New York

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
ELLCOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
CATTARAUGUS COUNTY, NEW YORK

By: Melissa Sawicki, District Clerk