

**VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24**  
**75 Horton Avenue**  
**Valley Stream, New York 11581**

TO: Candidates for the Office of Board of Education Member

FROM: Jennie L. Padilla, District Clerk

DATE:

RE: **May 21, 2024** - Election – Pertinent Information

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**NOMINATING PETITIONS**

Enclosed please find a nominating petition to be used to nominate an individual for the office of the Board of Education. The election will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, for the purpose of electing one member of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District No. Twenty-Four. There will be one member elected for a term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2027, to succeed Donna LaRocco. **Each vacancy is a separate specific office.** Please note that this year, the petition must be signed by at least **25 qualified voters** (a qualified voter is a resident of the district qualified to vote, not necessarily registered), **or 2 percent of the number of voters who voted in the 2023 annual election of the members of the Board of Education, whichever is greater.** In addition, each petition **MUST** include the full name and residence of the candidate on each page before a qualified voter signs the petition.

Your petition must be filed in person at the District Clerk's office, located at 75 Horton Avenue, Valley Stream, New York **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2024**, (30 days preceding the election).

**CANDIDATE LOTTERY FOR BALLOT POSITIONS**

A lottery for the order on the ballot will be conducted on Tuesday, **April 23, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.** in the District Clerk's office. A candidate may provide the District Clerk with a written proxy designating someone other than the candidate to perform the drawing. If a candidate is not present in person or by a person so designated in a written proxy, the District Clerk shall be authorized to act as proxy for the candidate.

**CAMPAIGN EXPENSES**

Please be advised that pursuant to Education Law §§1528, 1529, sworn candidate expenditure statements must be filed by all candidates who receive contributions or loans or who expend money in connection with the election on three (3) separate occasions: **April 22, 2024** (30<sup>th</sup> day preceding the election); **May 16, 2024** (5<sup>th</sup> day preceding the election); and **June 10, 2024** (20<sup>th</sup> day following the election). Samples are attached. Should any contribution or loan in excess of \$1,000.00 be received after the 5<sup>th</sup> day, but before the election, such contribution must be reported within 24 hours after receipt. A statement must be filed even if you do not incur any expenses.

**ELECTIONEERING**

Please note that pursuant to Education Law §2031-a, there can be no electioneering within 100 feet of the building where the election is being held or in the polling place itself. Distance markers will be posted at a distance of 100 feet of the polling place as supported by Board of Education Policy 9200 prohibiting Electioneering less than 100 feet from the entrance of a polling place.

**If you have any questions, please call the District Clerk at (516) 497-9398.**