

Ocean Gate Elementary School

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Mr. John Catalano, Ocean County Clerk
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November 19, 2025

Mr. Catalano:

At its meeting on November 18th, the Ocean Gate Board of Education approved the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN ADDITIONAL SPENDING
PROPOSAL TO THE LEGALLY QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
AT A SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 27, 2026.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEAN GATE
IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY (with not less than a majority of the full membership of
the Board concurring) AS FOLLOWS:**

1. It is hereby determined that an additional spending proposal shall be submitted for voter approval at a Special School Election to be held on January 27, 2026, or such date as the Commissioner of Education may exercise the power to reschedule the January election date, between the hour of 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. The form of the proposal will read substantially as follows with such adjustments as provided by bond counsel in accordance with guidelines or requirements of the Department of Education:

PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS

The Board of Education of the Borough of Ocean Gate in the County of Ocean, New Jersey shall raise an additional \$700,000 for General Funds from taxes in the 2026-2027 School Year over the regular school year budget to provide funding for additional maintenance costs necessary to keep the Ocean Gate School open for the 2026-27 school year and beyond. Approval of these taxes will result in a permanent increase in the school district's tax levy. These proposed additional expenditures are in addition to those necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

Do You Approve this Proposal?

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Board of Education has suffered several years of reduced State aid allocations. This permanent increase over the permitted increase for the regular school year budget will allow the Ocean Gate Elementary School to remain open in its current form for resident students in grades PreK to 6. . Without this permanent increase, the Board may be forced to close and sell the school and investigate setting up a sending receiving relationship with a neighboring school district.

2. This Board of Education hereby approves and adopts the proposal set forth above and, subject to the approval of the legal voters of the school district as set forth therein, hereby determines to carry out the purposes described therein.

3. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to send a certified copy of the proposal to the County Clerk as required by N.J.S.A. 19:60-2 and to request the County Clerk to arrange for it to be voted on at a Special School Election to be held January 27, 2026, once approved as set forth herein.

4. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby further authorized and directed to send a certified copy of the proposal to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-5(d) (9), 18A:7F-39 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-12.1.

5. The Board of Education is further authorized to seek the assistance of the county officials and the municipal clerk in conducting the special school district election.

6. The Board President, the Superintendent of Schools, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Bond Counsel and other appropriate representatives of the Board are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to implement this resolution, including adjustments to conform to DOE date changes and requirements. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is further authorized to act on behalf of the Board of Education to make such determinations required of the Board of Education for the conduct of the election as may become necessary. Any steps taken for this purpose prior hereto are hereby ratified and deemed taken pursuant to this resolution.

7. The reference to officers of the Board of Education herein includes the vice president of the Board in the event of the absence or unavailability of the Board President and any deputy, interim, acting or successor officer holding each position.

8. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

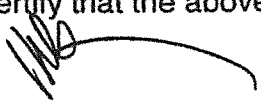
Ayes: 4 (Fleming, Gottesman, Scott, Vosper)

Nays: 1 (Casey)

Abstentions: 0

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above resolution was passed at the Board meeting held on November 18, 2025


Kevin O'Shea
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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OCEAN GATE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICIAL SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION
JANUARY 27, 2026
VOTE BY MAIL

NOTICE TO PERSONS WANTING MAIL-IN BALLOTS

If you are a qualified and registered voter of the State who wants to vote by mail in the Ocean Gate Borough School District Official Special School Election to be held on January 27, 2026, the following applies:

You must complete the application form to the right and send it to the County Clerk where you reside or write or apply in person to the County Clerk where you reside to request a mail-in ballot.

The name, address, and signature of any person who has assisted you to complete the mail-in ballot application must be provided on the application, and you must sign and date the application.

No person may serve as an authorized messenger or bearer for more than three qualified voters in an election, but a person may serve as such for up to five qualified voters in an election if those voters are immediate family members residing in the same household as the messenger or bearer.

No person who is a candidate in the election for which the voter requests a mail-in ballot may provide any assistance in the completion of the ballot or serve as an authorized messenger or bearer.

A person who applies for a mail-in ballot must submit his or her application at least seven days before the election, but such person may request an application in person from the County Clerk up to 3 p.m. of the day before the election.

Voters who want to vote by mail in all future elections will, after their initial request and without further action on their part, be provided with a mail-in ballot until the voter requests otherwise in writing, or beginning with the 2020 general election cycle, if the voter does not vote by mail in four consecutive years, then the voter shall no longer be furnished with a mail-in ballot for future elections and the voter shall be notified in writing of the change.

Application forms may be obtained by applying to the undersigned either in writing or by telephone, or the application form provided to the right may be completed and forwarded to the undersigned. You can also download the application form at www.oceancountyclerk.com on the internet.

Dated: November 26, 2025

JOHN CATALANO

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