

WHEREAS, the Ridgewood Board of Education and the Village Council have been delegated separate, nonexclusive authority to set the date for the school elections for Board members and the annual school budget; and

WHEREAS, the Ridgewood Board of Education in 2013 voted to move the date of the school elections from April to November; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey had a four-year moratorium on moving school elections from November back to April which expired on May 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Ridgewood Board of Education recommended to the Village Council before they voted to switch the election to April that the two bodies hold joint public hearings after Labor Day to determine if the community wanted the school elections to be moved to April and have the district incur additional costs estimated by the Village Manager to be \$48,000 or higher; and

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2018 the Village Council voted 3-2 to move the school elections to April; and

WHEREAS, there is legislation before the NJ Assembly and Senate to move all school elections to November eliminating the authority of local Councils and Boards to require school elections in April, if enacted, this legislation would supersede any action by the Village Council to move the school election to April; now, therefore,

Be it resolved, that the Ridgewood Board of Education will exercise its authority to consider the date of school elections at its December 3, 2018 meeting after holding public hearings at the November Board of Education meetings to hear from Ridgewood voters their preference as to whether school elections should be held in November or April; and

Be it further resolved, that the dates for such public hearings will be:

November 5, 2018
November 19, 2018

Be it further resolved, that the Ridgewood Board of Education invites all Ridgewood voters to attend these public hearings to express their opinions and thoughts on this matter or to contact the Board at budgetelection@ridgewood.k12.nj.us.