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County Election Board meeting °

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TO: Mr. Jack Coffman – Clark County Commissioner
Mr. Bryan Glover – Clark County Commissioner
Ms. Connie Sellers – Clark County Commissioner
Mr. Ryan Lynch – Clark County Clerk-Elect

FROM: Dr. Tina Bennett – Superintendent, Clarksville Community Schools

RE: Proposed Change in Polling Center

Greetings all:

I am sure you are already aware that Clarksville Community Schools has been a proud partner in the primary and general elections in Clark County for many years and are committed to continuing this partnership. With that context, we would like to respectfully request that Clarksville High School, and Clarksville Middle School polling locations be changed to our district's Renaissance Academy building beginning with the primary election in May 2023.

The current arrangement of using Clarksville High and Middle Schools as polling centers during a regular school day for students has become increasingly difficult for both school administrators and election officials to manage. While all parties have always worked well together during the election process, the recent dramatic increase in adult foot traffic due to voter turnout presents supervision and potential school safety risks for our students. School safety concerns have heightened in recent years as local, state, and national leaders call for "hardening measures" in schools for the purposes of keeping our students safe. These recommended "hardening measures" are virtually impossible when we provide open access to our school buildings during school hours with students in attendance. The obvious solution is to call school off for the two election days each year. While we would like to simply make the two election days each year student free, the constraints of our school calendar prohibit us from implementing that measure as a viable solution on a year over year basis.

This brings us to a proposed solution for your consideration. The Renaissance Academy Building located at 806 Eastern Boulevard houses approximately 150 Clarksville High School students on a daily basis who engage in a project-based curriculum. It also houses our school corporation's administrative offices. There are two separate entrances and parking lots for the school and administrative offices. We would like to propose that Clarksville Community Schools move all students who attend Renaissance Academy to Clarksville High School for the two election days each year. We will make our very large commons area available as a polling center, as well as any/all of the large studio breakout rooms. There is ample room and ample parking for election traffic. The Renaissance Academy building will be solely available for election officials and voters during primary and general elections each year.

We would be happy to host county government officials for a tour of Renaissance Academy and to discuss this potential arrangement. We will also work to make the transition as smooth as possible if the county chooses

Our Mission - Grow students who demonstrate integrity and are prepared for their future!

Clarksville Community School Corporation
Use of School Buildings as Polling Locations during School Day

Building Concerns

- We are unable to fully segregate the public polling locations in our gym areas at Clarksville High and Middle Schools. While we can provide a separate entrance to each of these areas, we are unable to fully secure doors from these locations into the student areas.
- To allow building access for voters, we must keep certain exterior doors unlocked; therefore there is open access to our buildings.
- We also are unable to use these polling areas during the school day, requiring us to find alternate locations for certain classes.

Exterior Entrances and Traffic

- While we can provide an entrance for voters that is separate from the student entrance at both current locations, they are adjacent to each other, which puts the general public, voters and campaign workers in direct contact with students as they enter and leave school.
- Traffic flow on election days is a major concern for us. Polling entrances at both CHS and CMS are located where buses and car riders pick up and drop off students. During the morning arrival and afternoon departure time; it is more difficult for voters to access the polling location because of this traffic. We have had to manage traffic to keep vehicles from entering these areas during arrival and dismissal.
- We have had voters attempt to drive through our bus pick up line during departure time.
- Due to increased traffic at these times, parking is hard to find.

Clarksville Schools Recent Election Day Status		
	May (Primary)	November General)
2014		School in Session
2015	School in Session	
2016	School in Session	No School
2017	<i>No Election</i>	<i>No Election</i>
2018	No School	No School
2019	No School (make up if needed)	No School (Teacher Day)
2020	Remote School Election in June	No School (Teacher Day)
2021	<i>No Election</i>	<i>No Election</i>
2022	School in Session	School in Session
2023	School Scheduled	School Scheduled
2024	School Scheduled	TBD

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Clark County Election Board will meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month of 2023 at 4:30 pm in the Clark County Voter Registration Office of the Clark County Judicial Center, 501 East Court Avenue Room 139, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

- January 19, 2023
- February 16, 2023
- March 16, 2023
- April 20, 2023
- May 18, 2023
- June 15, 2023
- July 20, 2023
- August 17, 2023
- September 21, 2023
- October 19, 2023
- November 16, 2023
- December 21, 2023

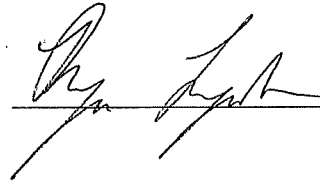
INSTRUCTIONS: This oath of office may be given by any individual authorized to administer an oath under Indiana Code 33-42-9. These individuals include a notary public, a judge of a court (*within the court's jurisdiction*), a mayor, clerk or clerk-treasurer of a city or town (*within the city or town*), a circuit court clerk or county auditor (*within the county*), and a State Senator or State Representative (*anywhere within Indiana*). Note: This oath must be filed with the circuit court clerk no later than January 31, 2023. (IC 5-4-1-1.2)

OATH OF OFFICE

STATE OF INDIANA

COUNTY OF Clark

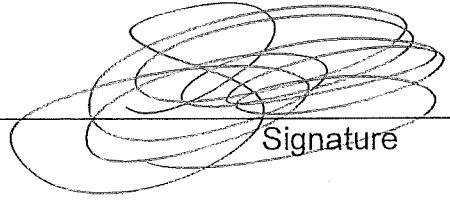
I, the undersigned, do solemnly swear (*or affirm*) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Indiana, and that I will faithfully, impartially, and diligently discharge the duties of the office of County Clerk of this County, according to law and to the best of my ability.



Signature

Ryan Lynch

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, THIS THE 20 DAY OF DECEMBER, 20 22.



Signature

LISA GLICKFIELD

Printed Name

JUDGE CLARK DIR3

Title

If the person administering the oath is a notary public, add the county of residence and date of expiration of commission:

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE: _____

DATE COMMISSION EXPIRES: _____ / _____ / _____