



MANHASSET

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2021-2022
PROPOSED BUDGET

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Vote from 8 a.m.–8 p.m. in the High School Gym*
*Note New Times When Polls Will Be Open

BUDGET VOTE TUESDAY, MAY 18TH

Dear Neighbor,

The Board of Education has unanimously adopted the Proposed 2021-2022 Budget for the Manhasset School District of \$102,320,176 at the maximum allowable tax levy increase of 1.60%, with a budget-to-budget increase of 1.65%. We believe the Proposed 2021-2022 Budget addresses the needs of our students, while providing us with continued flexibility to deal with unanticipated circumstances resulting from the global COVID-19 pandemic.

A year ago, we were uncertain what form the 2020-2021 school year would take due to the pandemic. Extensive, transparent, and open community dialogue throughout the summer of 2020 enabled the District to craft an opening plan that allowed for K-5 students to return to school full time, grade 6-12 students to attend in a hybrid model, and all students to have a remote option if families were uncomfortable with in-person learning. Faculty, staff, and students learned to rely on Chromebooks and Zoom technology for remote learning, and all resiliently adapted to numerous health and safety protocols. Thankfully, we are currently offering an in-person learning option to all our students this spring, while still complying with all federal, state and local health mandates.

Today, the physical, social, and emotional health and safety of our students, teachers and staff continue to dominate our priorities and considerations. While the circumstances of the pandemic posed considerable challenges to financial forecasting and budgets, we are pleased to inform our community that over the last year we funded necessary expenditures for health and safety while maintaining financial flexibility. The Proposed 2021-2022 Budget will position us to continue on this trajectory.

We believe the Proposed 2021-2022 Budget reflects the District's goals, priorities, and values by providing financial resources to:

- Maintain and enhance academic and extracurricular offerings
- Sustain support for student services and continue critical investments in facilities and technology, and
- Remain within the tax levy cap of 1.60%

Additional funding received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 will allow us to plan to keep class sizes smaller than we typically do at the elementary schools. Physically accommodating these additional sections is made possible through the capital expenditures approved by the community in 2019 to create additional classroom capacity at Munsey Park School; phase 1 of the construction work was done last summer and phase 2 will be completed this summer. We will also be able to provide the necessary support for all our students transitioning to what we hope to be full time, in-person learning this fall. Should this not be the case, we are confident that the financial flexibility provided in this Proposed 2021-2022 Budget will help us to meet the challenges we may face in the upcoming school year.

In addition to the District's Proposed 2021-2022 Budget, there is a District Capital Proposition on the ballot (detailed on Page 4 of this brochure) and two (2) Propositions related to the Manhasset Public Library:

- **Capital Projects Proposition** – Voter approval is sought for \$1,917,685 in expenditures for four (4) Capital Projects, to be funded from the District's General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance. To be clear, as the money would be drawn from unassigned fund balance, if the proposition is approved there would be no additional tax impact for residents.
- **The Manhasset Public Library's Proposed 2021-2022 Budget** – \$5,506,269.
- **Collection of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Library Tax Shortfall** – Last year, the Manhasset community approved a tax levy for the 2020-2021 Public Library budget totaling \$5,403,412. Due to a clerical error, \$1,022,625 of the total approved amount of the levy was omitted from the tax certification by the School District and, therefore, was not billed to homeowners. The purpose of this Proposition is to obtain approval to collect this shortfall in 2021-2022. Importantly, the Manhasset taxpayers will pay exactly the same amount in Library taxes over the two-year period as they would have paid had the error not occurred.

- **Election of Two (2) Members to the Board of Education** – a three-year term ending June 30, 2024
- **Election of one (1) Member to the Library Board of Trustees** – a five-year term ending June 30, 2026

Your continued support and input remain essential to the success of our school community. This year, voting will once again be in person, on Tuesday, May 18th from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. at the High School gym. Absentee ballots will be available upon request in advance. If you have a fear related to COVID-19, you may indicate "temporary illness" as the reason for voting via absentee ballot. Information for voting via absentee ballot can be found on the District website.

Please remember to vote, your participation in our school community matters! Please contact Dr. Vincent Butera, Superintendent, at vbutera@manhassetsschools.org or 516-267-7705 with any questions you have about the Proposed 2021-22 Budget or the propositions on the ballot. You can also email us at boe@manhassetsschools.org.

We hope that you and your families remain safe during these unparalleled times and, as always, we thank you for your continued interest in our schools.

Respectfully,
The Manhasset Board of Education
Patricia Aitken, *President*
Christine Monterosso, *Vice President*
Ann Marie Curd
Carlo Prinzo
Regina Rule

VOTE

TUESDAY, MAY 18TH

8 a.m. – 8 p.m. @
High School Gym

2021-2022 School Budget
Capital Projects Proposition
Board Election (2 seats)

This newsletter is also provided in Spanish in compliance with Section 203 of the federal Voting Rights Act, which requires all school districts in Nassau County to provide certain information related to school districts elections and budget votes in English and Spanish.

HIGHLIGHTS *of the Proposed Budget*

The Proposed Budget for the 2021-2022 school year is an embodiment of the District's values, goals and priorities. As the District continues to build on successes of the past, we maintain our focus on supporting the well-being of our students by creating an environment that challenges and supports academic development and fosters social-emotional growth.

The proposed spending plan for the 2021-2022 school year represents a 1.65% increase over the current year and a tax levy increase of 1.60%, which is at the District's tax cap. As always, we are mindful of the cost impact on residents, especially as we begin to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic. Highlights of the Proposed Budget include:

Focus on Maintaining and Enhancing Student Opportunities and Supports

The Proposed Budget enhances instructional programs and implements additional supports for our students across all grade levels:

- Teachers College Reading Project is introduced to grade 6, completing the implementation of this initiative. Additionally, the Teachers College Writing Project is expanded to grades 3-5.
- 1.0 reading specialist (0.5 at each elementary school) is added to support AIS/RTI and Tier III services.
- Math in Focus 2020 edition is adopted for grade 6 students. Extra practice books are also provided.
- 2.0 math specialists (1.0 at each elementary school) are added to support AIS/RTI and Tier III services, provide heterogeneous grouping for grade 6 students, and provide for double accelerated grade 6 Math.
- 1.0 health certified teacher (0.5 at each elementary school) is added to provide age-appropriate health education for elementary students.
- Project Lead the Way Science program expands to grade 4.
- New courses for Secondary School students include AP Art History, Broadcast Journalism 2, AP Human Geography, History of Equity and Social Justice, and Applied Geometry.
- 1.0 reading teacher (0.4 Middle School and 0.6 High School) is added to support AIS/RTI and Tier III services.



Focus on Faculty and Staff Development to Enhance Use of Instructional Technology

- 1.0 Staff Developer is added to offer dedicated support at each elementary school.
- Lead Teacher Specialists in each subject area are added at the Secondary School to provide teachers in their department with training, resources and support to enhance their use of instructional technology.
- The addition of staff development support listed above will allow our elementary computer specialists to teach and support students full-time.

Focus on Information Technology Infrastructure, Software and Support

Technology improvements comprise a sizable portion of the increase in the Proposed Budget. Given the circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic and the implementation of remote and hybrid learning, the District has significantly expanded the use and variety of technology in the classroom and is continuing to invest funds to support and maintain these added resources:

- Two technicians are added to support students, parents and staff in the use of technology.
- Aruba Access Points project expands internet access coverage area and capacity.
- Chromebook rotation is implemented for grades K, 5 and 9.
- RSL and software upgrades will ensure security and capacity are maintained at a high level.



Focus on Facilities and Physical Environment

The District continues its efforts to improve the physical environment for students and staff. The Proposed Budget provides funding for certain capital projects, which may include:

- Replace ceilings at Shelter Rock
- Replace flooring at Munsey Park
- Renovate Secondary School costume room
- Upgrade Life Skills classroom
- Renovate Secondary School auditorium to include stairs to stage and sound/lighting booth
- Add seating near windows in Middle School library
- Continue Future Ready Classroom Initiative
- Renovate Munsey Park and High School main offices
- Redesign space outside World Languages office
- Reconfigure Secondary School athletic office and boys' equipment room
- Renovate Social Studies office



The ability to complete these projects in 2021-2022 is dependent on the challenges COVID-19 may present.

2021-2022 PROPOSED BUDGET – EXPENSES

Category	Approved Budget 2020-2021	Proposed Budget 2021-2022	\$ Change*	% Change*
Board of Education	\$68,177	\$52,924	(\$15,253)	(22.4%)
District Clerk	13,449	13,718	269	2.0%
District Meetings	33,945	39,895	5,950	17.5%
Superintendent of Schools	371,015	357,723	(13,292)	(3.6%)
Business Administration	733,737	857,415	123,678	16.9%
Auditing	120,746	123,394	2,648	2.2%
Treasurer	127,345	145,000	17,655	13.9%
Purchasing	22,448	22,958	510	2.3%
Fiscal Agent	15,615	15,615	0	0.0%
Legal	395,680	395,680	0	0.0%
Personnel	478,078	383,006	(95,072)	(19.9%)
Records Management	9,950	13,688	3,738	37.6%
Central Registration and Public Information	134,085	142,124	8,039	6.0%
Operation of Plant	4,952,376	5,039,111	86,735	1.8%
Maintenance of Plant	1,606,077	1,599,896	(6,181)	(0.4%)
Central Printing and Mailing	161,136	157,973	(3,163)	(2.0%)
Central Data Processing	92,260	82,999	(9,261)	(10.0%)
Property and Liability Insurance	387,892	387,892	0	0.0%
BOCES Administrative Services	464,424	463,313	(1,111)	(0.2%)
Total General Support	\$10,188,435	\$10,294,324	\$105,889	1.0%
Curriculum Development and Supervision	\$1,167,936	\$1,174,926	\$6,990	0.6%
Supervision - Regular School	1,869,614	1,934,614	65,000	3.5%
Regular School Instruction	30,002,101	30,394,804	329,703	1.3%
Special Education Programs and Services	13,413,036	12,651,663	(761,373)	(5.7%)
Occupational Education	77,500	53,580	(23,920)	(30.9%)
Summer School	26,776	12,000	(14,776)	(55.2%)
Library and Audio Visual/Media Center	797,561	808,035	10,474	1.3%
Computer Aided Instruction	3,160,263	3,996,826	836,563	26.5%
Attendance-Residency Investigations	10,000	10,300	300	3.0%
Guidance/School Counseling Services	1,759,223	1,735,977	(23,246)	(1.3%)
Health Services	1,197,183	1,230,039	32,856	2.7%
Psychological Services	960,865	974,879	14,014	1.5%
Social Worker Services	477,040	532,106	55,066	11.5%
Co-curricular Activities	523,230	528,730	5,500	1.1%
Interscholastic Athletics	1,834,483	1,833,579	(904)	0.0%
Total Instruction	\$57,276,811	\$57,872,058	\$595,247	1.0%
Transportation	5,212,585	5,373,924	161,339	3.1%
Employee Benefits	23,790,591	24,466,021	675,430	2.8%
Debt Service - Tax Anticipation Notes	82,000	82,000	0	0.0%
Interfund Transfers	4,109,398	4,231,848	122,450	3.0%
Total Budget	\$100,659,820	\$102,320,176	\$1,660,356	1.65%

* Please see the Highlights on page 2 and the detailed line-by-line presentation of the Proposed Budget at www.manhassetschools.org.

2021-2022 PROPOSED BUDGET – REVENUES

Category	Approved Budget 2020-2021	Proposed Budget 2021-2022	\$ Change	% Change	% of 2021-2022 Budget
State Aid	\$4,893,591	\$5,099,650	\$206,059	4.21%	4.98%
Reimbursement for Intermediate Care Facility	189,496	340,587	151,091		
Transfer from the Manhasset Public Library for Debt Service	1,022,625	1,023,000	375		
Other Tax Items, Including PILOTs	1,584,832	1,596,357	11,525		
Other Revenue	<u>1,547,783</u>	<u>1,388,808</u>	<u>(158,975)</u>		
Total Other Revenue	\$4,344,736	\$4,348,752	\$4,016	0.09%	4.25%
Assigned Fund Balance - Designated for Tax Levy	724,067	724,067	-	0.00%	0.71%
Property Taxes	90,697,426	92,147,707	1,450,281	1.60%	90.06%
Total Revenues	\$100,659,820	\$102,320,176	\$1,660,356	1.65%	100.00%

Did You Know?

The 2021-2022 budget is at the allowable 1.60% tax levy cap and results in a 13-year average annual tax levy increase of 1.98% and a 13-year average annual increase in budgeted expenses of 1.88%.

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WHAT'S ALSO ON THE BALLOT?

PROPOSITION No. 2 - District Capital Projects

This Proposition authorizes the use of \$1.92 million of the general fund's unassigned fund balance to fund four (4) capital projects. **It is important to note that, because the money would be drawn from unassigned fund balance, there would not be any additional tax impact for residents if the proposition is approved.** Voter approval is required for the District to expend monies for the following capital projects:

1. Replacing the asphalt paving at the Secondary School, including the replacement of the water main pipe utility located under the area to be paved that is original to the building, while improving traffic flow and parking on the Secondary School campus. In October 2017, the Board approved proceeding with this project; however, when bidding the project, the cost exceeded the amount of funds available at that time.

Funding for this much-needed project (est. \$2.87 million) now would be provided from two sources:

- \$1.01 million from unassigned fund balance, as proposed under this proposition.
 - \$1.86 million from remaining availability under the December 2014 bond referendum. Manhasset voters approved the bond referendum for various improvements to buildings and facilities. As all projects were completed under budget, the unused portion of the bond is permitted to be available for other projects, including the asphalt replacement.
2. Replacing the roof of the 6th grade wing and corridor link at Shelter Rock School (estimated at \$459,492).
 3. Replacing the middle playground at Munsey Park School (estimated at \$151,800).

4. Renovating classrooms at the Secondary School to create a Broadcast Journalism Suite (estimated at \$300,000). To be literate in the 21st century, students must be able to create, communicate, and share digital content. The Broadcast Journalism suite, essential to the rapidly expanding Manhasset Communications program, will allow students to utilize cutting edge technology to become powerful and responsible digital citizens.

PROPOSITION No. 3 - Manhasset Public Library Budget

The Manhasset Public Library is seeking voter approval for its proposed budget and levy of approximately \$5.5 million for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

PROPOSITION No. 4 - Correction of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Library Tax Certification

The approved budget of the Manhasset Public Library for fiscal year 2020-2021 authorized a tax levy of \$5,403,412. In certifying the amount of taxes to be levied on behalf of the Library for fiscal year 2020-2021, the Manhasset Union Free School District omitted the sum of \$1,022,625 due to a clerical error. The District deeply regrets this clerical error.

As a result, Manhasset taxpayers were billed and therefore paid a lower library tax than authorized by the voters and by the Library Board of Trustees, resulting in a shortfall in the amount of taxes collected in 2020-2021 on the Library's behalf. To correct the error and enable the Library to fund its approved budget, the District advanced the shortfall to the Library in 2020-2021.

Proposition No. 4 seeks voter approval for the Library to levy \$1,022,625 in 2021-2022 in order to reimburse the money advanced by the District. **If approved, over the two-year period, Manhasset taxpayers will pay exactly the same total amount of Library taxes that would have been paid had the error not occurred.** Payment would simply be made one year later than originally intended. If approved, the average single-family home in Manhasset will pay approximately \$260 in 2021-2022 that they should otherwise have paid in 2020-2021.

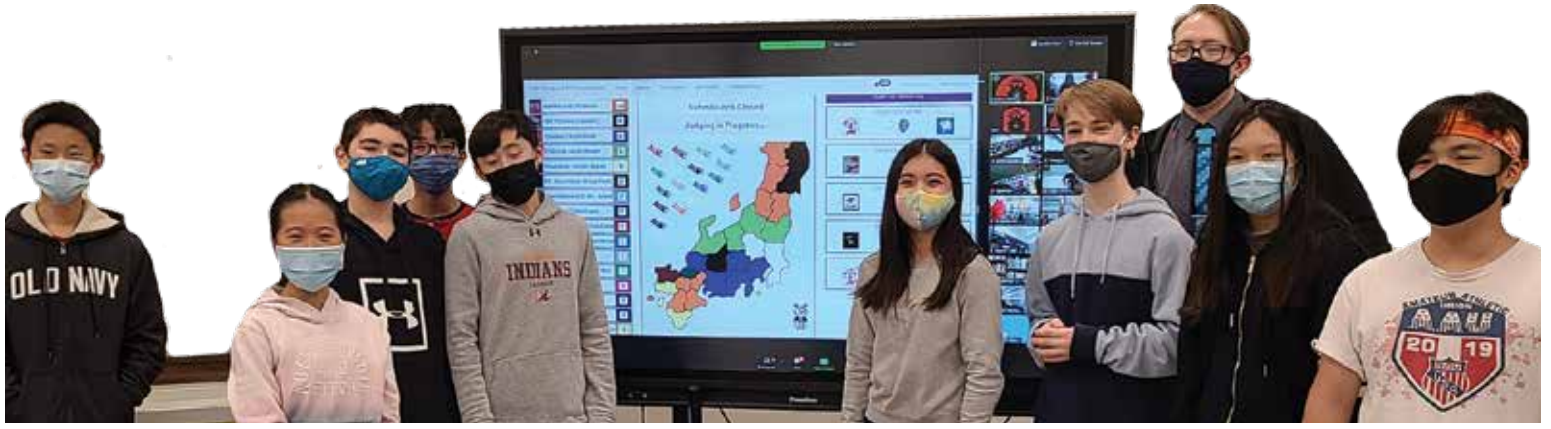
Questions?

Visit the District's website, www.manhassetsschools.org, do not hesitate to call Superintendent Dr. Vincent Butera at 516-267-7705 or email vbutera@manhassetsschools.org

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE: TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021
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VOTER INFORMATION

All important voter information can be found on the District's website, www.manhassetsschools.org, including information for receiving an absentee ballot.



Vote de 8 a.m. a 8 p.m. en el gimnasio de la escuela secundaria

VOTACIÓN SOBRE EL PRESUPUESTO, MARTES 18 DE MAYO

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Atentamente,

La Junta de Educación de Manhasset

Patricia Aitken, *presidente*

Christine Monterosso, *vicepresidente*

Carlo Prinzo

Regina Rule

Ann Marie Curd

Este boletín también se proporciona en español en cumplimiento de la Sección 203 de la Ley Federal de Derechos Electorales, que exige a todos los distritos escolares del condado de Nassau proporcionar determinada información relacionada con las elecciones de los distritos escolares y las votaciones de presupuestos en inglés y español.

VOTE

MARTES 18 DE MAYO

8 a. m. a 8 p. m.

Gimnasio de la escuela secundaria

**Presupuesto escolar 2021-2022
Proposición de proyectos de inversión
Elección de la Junta (2 bancas)**

PUNTOS DESTACADOS *del presupuesto propuesto:*

Budget Highlights in Spanish go on this page.

PRESUPUESTO PROPUESTO PARA 2021-2022: GASTOS

Category	Presupuesto aprobado 2020-2021	Presupuesto propuesto 2021-2022	Cambio en \$*	Cambio en %*
Junta de Educación	\$68,177	\$52,924	(\$15,253)	(22.4%)
Secretaría del distrito	13,449	13,718	269	2.0%
Reuniones del distrito	33,945	39,895	5,950	17.5%
Superintendente de escuelas	371,015	357,723	(13,292)	(3.6%)
Administración comercial	733,737	857,415	123,678	16.9%
Auditorías	120,746	123,394	2,648	2.2%
Tesorero	127,345	145,000	17,655	13.9%
Compras	22,448	22,958	510	2.3%
Agente fiscal	15,615	15,615	0	0.0%
Asuntos jurídicos	395,680	395,680	0	0.0%
Personal	478,078	383,006	(95,072)	(19.9%)
Gestión de registros	9,950	13,688	3,738	37.6%
Registro central e información pública	134,085	142,124	8,039	6.0%
Operación de la planta	4,952,376	5,039,111	86,735	1.8%
Mantenimiento de la planta	1,606,077	1,599,896	(6,181)	(0.4%)
Impresiones y envíos centrales	161,136	157,973	(3,163)	(2.0%)
Procesamiento central de datos	92,260	82,999	(9,261)	(10.0%)
Seguro de propiedad y responsabilidad civil	387,892	387,892	0	0.0%
Servicios administrativos de BOCES	464,424	463,313	(1,111)	(0.2%)
Apoyo general total	\$10,188,435	\$10,294,324	\$105,889	1.0%
Elaboración y supervisión del plan de estudios	\$1,167,936	\$1,174,926	\$6,990	0.6%
Supervisión: escuela normal	1,869,614	1,934,614	65,000	3.5%
Enseñanza de escuela normal	30,002,101	30,394,804	329,703	1.3%
Programas y servicios de educación especial	13,413,036	12,651,663	(761,373)	(5.7%)
Educación ocupacional	77,500	53,580	(23,920)	(30.9%)
Escuela de verano	26,776	12,000	(14,776)	(55.2%)
Biblioteca y centro audiovisual/de medios	797,561	808,035	10,474	1.3%
Enseñanza asistida por computadora	3,160,263	3,996,826	836,563	26.5%
Investigaciones de asistencia y residencia	10,000	10,300	300	3.0%
Orientación	1,759,223	1,735,977	(23,246)	(1.3%)
Servicios de salud	1,197,183	1,230,039	32,856	2.7%
Servicios psicológicos	960,865	974,879	14,014	1.5%
Servicios de trabajo social	477,040	532,106	55,066	11.5%
Actividades curriculares complementarias	523,230	528,730	5,500	1.1%
Atletismo interescalar	1,834,483	1,833,579	(904)	0.0%
Enseñanza total	\$57,276,811	\$57,872,058	\$595,247	1.0%
Transporte	\$5,212,585	\$5,373,924	\$161,339	3.1%
Beneficios de los empleados	23,790,591	24,466,021	675,430	2.8%
Servicio de deuda: bonos de anticipación impositiva	82,000	82,000	0	0.0%
Transferencias entre fondos	4,109,398	4,231,848	122,450	3.0%

Presupuesto total \$100,659,820 \$102,320,176 \$1,660,356 1.65%

* Consulte los puntos destacados de la página 2 y la presentación detallada del presupuesto propuesto en www.manhasset.schools.org.

PRESUPUESTO PROPUESTO PARA 2021-2022: INGRESOS

Category	Presupuesto propuesto para 2020-2021	Presupuesto propuesto para 2021-2022	Cambio en \$	Cambio en %	% del presupuesto para 2021-2022
Ayuda estatal	\$4,893,591	\$5,099,650	\$206,059	4.21%	4.98%
Reembolso para el centro de atención intermedia	189,496	340,587	151,091		
Transferencia desde la biblioteca pública de Manhasset para el servicio de deuda	1,022,625	1,023,000	375		
Otras partidas impositivas, como PILOT	1,584,832	1,596,357	11,525		
Otros ingresos	1,547,783	1,388,808	(158,975)		
Otros ingresos totales	\$4,344,736	\$4,348,752	\$4,016	0.09%	4.25%
Saldo de fondos asignados: designado para gravamen fiscal	724,067	724,067	—	0.00%	0.71%
Impuestos a la propiedad	90,697,426	92,147,707	1,450,281	1.60%	90.06%
Ingresos totales	\$100,659,820	\$102,320,176	\$1,660,356	1.65%	100.00%

¿Sabía que...?

El presupuesto para 2021-2022 se encuentra dentro del límite del gravamen fiscal permitido del 1.60 % y genera un aumento del gravamen fiscal promedio de 13 años del 1.98 % y un aumento promedio de 13 años en los gastos presupuestados del 1.88 %.

ACERCA DE LA PROPOSICIÓN N.º 2: PROYECTOS DE INVERSIÓN

PROPOSITION #2 INFORMATION HERE IN SPANISH

PROPOSICIÓN 2: FINANCIAMIENTO Y
DESCRIPCIONES DE LOS PROYECTOS

Preguntas:

Visite el sitio web del Distrito, www.manhassetsschools.org, o no dude en llamar al superintendente Vincent Butera al 516-267-7705 o enviarle un correo electrónico a vbutera@manhassetsschools.org



**RECUERDE VOTAR: MARTES 18 DE MAYO DE 2021
6:30 A. M. A 10:00 P.M. • GIMNASIO DE LA ESCUELA SECUNDARIA**