

**NOTICE OF ELECTION
KNOX COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0096
(CROFTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS)
IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA**

Public notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of Knox County School District 0096 (Crofton Community Schools), in the State of Nebraska, that at a special election called and to be held on March 12, 2024, there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District the following proposition:

“Shall Knox County School District 0096 (Crofton Community Schools), in the State of Nebraska, issue the bonds of said District in the principal amount of not to exceed Twelve Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$12,500,000) for the purpose of paying the costs of constructing additions and renovations and other site improvements to the existing elementary and high school buildings and providing for necessary furniture, technology and apparatus for such buildings; said bonds to be issued from time to time as may be determined by the Board of Education, to bear interest at a rate or rates to be determined by the Board of Education and to become due at such time or times as may be fixed by the Board of Education; and

“Shall the District cause to be levied and collected annually a special levy of taxes against all the taxable property in said District sufficient in rate and amount to pay the interest and principal of said bonds as the same become due?”

FOR said bonds and tax

AGAINST said bonds and tax

Electors voting in favor of said proposition shall blacken completely the oval opposite the words “FOR said bonds and tax” following said proposition, and electors voting against said proposition shall blacken completely the oval opposite the words “AGAINST said bonds and tax” following said proposition.

Election By Mail

This election will be an election by mail. Each registered voter residing within the District will receive a ballot by mail at his/her address as it appears on the voter registration registers; and therefore no polling places will be open for voting. Ballots will be mailed by the Knox County Clerk and Cedar County Clerk between February 19, 2024 and March 2, 2024 to registered eligible voters in Knox and Cedar Counties. Registered voters who will be absent from their residence during that time may apply for a ballot to be mailed to a different address than the address at which they are registered or they may apply to appoint an agent to personally pick up their ballot using the form provided by the Election Commissioner in the County in which the voter is registered. Contact your respective Election Office if you have questions.

Voter Registration Deadlines

1. February 23, 2024 is the last day for online registration, mail-in registrations (to be mailed to the office of the County Clerk of the voter’s appropriate County (Knox County or Cedar County), DMV registrations, registrar registrations, registrations delivered by someone other than the person registering to vote, and State Agencies or Departments registrations (**3rd Friday prior to the election**).
2. March 1, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. is the last day for in-person voter registration in the office of the County Clerk of the voter’s appropriate County - Knox County or Cedar County (**2nd Friday prior to the election**).

Any voter who changes information on a current registration or registers to vote after the ballots have been mailed but before the in-person registration deadline of March 1, 2024 by 6:00 p.m. at their respective County Clerk’s Office, Knox County or Cedar County, will be given a ballot at the time of registration or change.

Ballot Return Deadline

Voted ballots that are sealed in the “Return Identification Envelope” may be returned by one of the following means:

1. U.S. Mail: Voter must affix \$1.63 postage to the Return Identification Envelope. Mail to the office of the County Clerk of the voter’s appropriate County – the Knox County Clerk, PO Box 166, Center, Nebraska 68724; or the Cedar County Clerk, PO Box 47, Hartington, Nebraska 68739.
2. Hand Delivery: Deliver the ballot in person or by agent to the Knox County Clerk’s Office in the Knox County Courthouse, 206 Main Street, Center, Nebraska 68724, or the Cedar County Clerk’s Office in the Cedar County Courthouse, 101 South Broadway, Hartington, Nebraska 68739.
3. Drop Box: The ballot can also be placed in a sealed, locked drop box located in the east foyer at the Knox County Courthouse, 206 Main Street, Center, Nebraska or the drop box located outside and on the north side of the Cedar County Courthouse, 101 South Broadway, Hartington, Nebraska **until 5:00 P.M.** on March 12, 2024.

NOTE: All ballots must be in the possession of the Knox County Clerk or Cedar County Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on Election Day, March 12, 2024.

Knox County Clerk Information

Mailing Address and Location: Knox County Clerk, 206 Main Street, PO Box 166, Center, Nebraska 68724

Phone: 402-288-5604

E-Mail: clerk@knoxcountyne.gov

Regular Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Cedar County Clerk Information

Mailing Address and Location: Cedar County Clerk, 101 South Broadway, PO Box 47, Hartington, Nebraska 68739

Phone: 402-254-7411

E-Mail: jessica.schmit@cedarcountyne.gov

Regular Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF KNOX COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0096 (CROFTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS) IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA.

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