

Elizabethtown-Lewis-Westport School Board Election Tentatively Set for January 29, 2019

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On December 4, 2018 the school communities of Westport CSD and Elizabethtown-Lewis CSD voted to merge their two public school districts into one, effective July 1, 2019. As part of the December 4th vote, residents established a new Board of Education composed of seven (7) members, who shall serve in three (3) year terms. The next important step in the formation of the new school district is the election of the Board of Education.

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) has tentatively revised the timetable for the election of the new Elizabethtown-Lewis-Westport Board of Education as follows:

- December 18, 2018: Commissioner's Order to conduct special district meeting to elect Board of Education is issued.
- December 20, 2018: Post Commissioner's Order. Notice shall be posted at least ten days before the Meeting (1803-a [7]).
- December 21, 2018: Petitions for the Board of Education available for distribution from District Clerks at ELCS (518-873-6371) and/or WCS (518-962-8244).
- January 8, 2019: 5:00 pm Filing deadline of petitions by board candidates. Petitions may be submitted to the District Clerk of either ELCS or Westport CSD.
- January 8, 2018: 7:00 pm Candidates meet with District Superintendent at the Westport CSD for a drawing to determine ballot slot placement for the Board election.
- January 10, 2019: Information prepared for Absentee Ballots.
- January 29, 2019: Special meeting held in Elizabethtown to elect the Board of Education of the newly centralized Elizabethtown-Lewis-Westport CSD – noon – 8:00 pm.

On advice from the NYS Education Department, since the main polling site and the Board of Canvass for the December 4, 2018 centralization/merger vote were located in the Westport CSD, the sole polling site and the location of the Board of Canvass for the ELW Board of Education election will be at the Elizabethtown-Lewis CSD.

CVES BOCES District Superintendent Dr. Mark Davey will hold the initial organizational meeting of the Board and administers the Oath of Office to each newly elected Board member. The Board will then be empowered to conduct such business as appropriate to prepare for the first year of operation of the newly-created school district, including creating a budget and holding a special meeting for its adoption.

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