

Resolution

RESOLUTION OF THE TOMS RIVER REGIONAL SCHOOLS, COUNTY OF OCEAN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING SCHOOL REGIONALIZATION REFERENDUM
QUESTION AND REQUESTING OCEAN COUNTY CLERK AND NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SCHEDULE AND HOLD THE REFERENDUM ON
MARCH 12, 2024, OR SUCH SOONER DATE PERMITTED BY LAW

Whereas, a Resolution was approved December 8, 2023, whereby the Toms River Regional Schools Board of Education adopted a School Regionalization Study and authorized Special Counsel to prepare and file a petition with the Commissioner of Education seeking approval to hold a referendum on the addition of the Borough of Seaside Heights as a constituent member of the Toms River Regional School District, by which passage of such referendum will simultaneously withdraw the Borough of Seaside Heights from the Central Regional School District; and

Whereas, the Seaside Heights Board of Education and the Borough Council of the Borough of Seaside Heights Education both passed similar resolutions; and

Whereas, the Toms River Regional Board of Education wishes to hold a referendum on the question of expanding the Toms River Regional School District to include Seaside Heights as a constituent District and withdraw Seaside Heights from Central Regional School District.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, as follows:

1. Toms River Regional Schools approves the attached Referendum Question; and
2. Toms River Regional Schools requests that the Ocean County Clerk and New Jersey Department of Education schedule and hold a referendum on March 12, 2024, or such sooner date as may be permitted by law; and
3. A certified copy of this resolution, together with the attached Referendum Question, be forwarded to the Seaside Heights School District, Borough of Seaside Heights, Office of the Ocean County School Superintendent, Ocean County Clerk, and Commissioner of Education.

CERTIFICATION

I, Wendy L. Saxton, Board Secretary to the Toms River Regional Schools, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional School District at a meeting held on the 10th day of January, 2024.

Wendy L. Saxton, Board Secretary

Referendum question:

Shall the Borough of Seaside Heights join the K-12 Toms River Regional School District as a constituent member, thereby withdrawing the Borough of Seaside Heights as a constituent member of the limited purpose Central Regional School District, with students from Seaside Heights being phased out of Central Regional School District and phased into Toms River Regional School District by grade; and with the property tax levy of the Borough of Seaside Heights being phased into Toms River Regional School District's current equalized property value tax apportionment formula with Seaside Heights paying the educational tax levy associated with its current elementary district plus the regional tax levy to Central Regional for the year prior to regionalization while being provided with \$1.2 million in savings each year in years 1-5, and further savings in years 6-10 while transitioning to 100% equalized property value, with Toms River Regional taxpayers estimated to save tens of millions of dollars over the same 10-year period?