

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF HANCOCK)

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC QUESTION

TO THE COUNTY CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, ILLINOIS:

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Regional Superintendent of Schools for the Regional Office of Education serving the Educational Service Region including Hancock County, Illinois (the "County"), and as such official I do hereby certify and notify you as follows:

1. That on the 5 day of January, 2024 a resolution or resolutions of school district boards that represent more than 50% of the student enrollment within the County directing that the question of imposing a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax at a rate of 1% to provide revenue to be used exclusively for school facility purposes, school resource officers, and mental health professionals (the "Proposition") be certified for submission to the electors of the County has or have been filed in my office and deposited in the official files and records of my office.

2. That in accordance with Section 5-1006.7 of the Counties Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, I am required to certify the Proposition for submission at a regularly scheduled election in accordance with the general election law.

3. That at the General Primary election to be held on the 19th day of March, 2024, between the hours of 6:00 o'clock A.M. and 7:00 o'clock P.M. (the "Election"), there shall be submitted to the voters of the County the following proposition:

Shall a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax (commonly referred to as a sales tax) be imposed in The County of Hancock, Illinois, at a rate of 1% to be used exclusively for school facility purposes, school resource officers, and mental health professionals?	YES	
	NO	

4. That you shall give notice of the Election (the "Notice") in accordance with the general election law by (i) publishing the Notice once in the Hancock County Journal Pilot, being a newspaper of general circulation in the County, not more than 60 nor less than 10 days prior to the date of the Election, and (ii) posting a copy of the Notice at your principal office at least 10 days before the date of the Election.

5. That the Notice shall appear over the name or title of the County Clerk of the County, and shall be substantially in the form attached to this Certification as *Exhibit A*.

6. That the ballot to be used at the Election, shall be in substantially in the form attached to this Certification as *Exhibit B*, with such necessary alterations, changes, deletions and insertions as may be required by Articles 24A, 24B or 24C of the Election Code if an electronic, mechanical or electric voting system is used at the Election.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature, this 5 day of January, 2024.

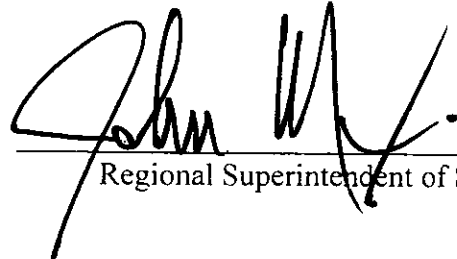

Regional Superintendent of Schools

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the General Primary election to be held on Tuesday, the 19th day of March, 2024, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of The County of Hancock, Illinois:

Shall a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax (commonly referred to as a sales tax) be imposed in The County of Hancock, Illinois, at a rate of 1% to be used exclusively for school facility purposes, school resource officers, and mental health professionals?

The polls at the election will be open at 6:00 o'clock A.M. and will continue to be open until 7:00 o'clock P.M. of that day.

Dated this 5 day of January, 2024.



Holly A. Wade-Tillman
County Clerk, The County of Hancock, Illinois

EXHIBIT B

(Face of Ballot)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

PROPOSITION TO IMPOSE COUNTY SCHOOL SALES TAX

(INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Mark a cross
(X) in the space opposite the word
indicating the way you desire to vote.)

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	NO	

(Back of Paper Ballot)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Official ballot for voting on the proposition to impose a county school facility, school resource officers, and mental health professionals sales tax in Hancock County, Illinois, at the General Primary election held on March 19, 2024.

Precinct Number: _____

Polling Place: _____

(Facsimile Signature)

County Clerk, The County of Hancock, Illinois

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FILING CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting County Clerk of The County of Hancock, Illinois (the "County"), and as such official I do further certify that on the 5 day of January, 2024, there was filed in my office a Certification of Public Question (the "Certification") as follows:

Shall a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax (commonly referred to as a sales tax) be imposed in The County of Hancock, Illinois, at a rate of 1% to be used exclusively for school facility purposes, school resource officers, and mental health professionals?

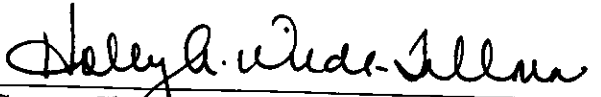
such public question being initiated by a resolution or resolutions of school district boards that represent more than 50% of the student enrollment within the County filed in the office of the Regional Superintendent of Schools for the Regional Office of Education serving the Educational Service Region including the County, on the 5 day of January, 2024, and that the Certification has been deposited in the official files and records of my office.

I do further certify that included in the Certification were the form of public question (the "Proposition") to be placed on the ballot at the General Primary election to be held on the 19th day of March, 2024 (the "Election"), and the form of Notice of Election related thereto (the "Notice").

I do further certify that the Proposition will be submitted to the voters of the County at the Election.

I do further certify that the Notice will be given to the voters of the County of the Election in accordance with the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, by (i) publishing the Notice once in the Hancock County Journal Pilot and Hancock-Henderson Quill, being a newspaper of general circulation in the County, not more than 60 nor less than 10 days prior to the date of the Election, and (ii) posting a copy of the Notice at my principal office at least 10 days before the date of the Election, and that the Notice will include all of the information required by the Election Code, including the Proposition as it will appear on the ballot.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature and the seal of the County,
this 5 day of January, 2024.


County Clerk, The County of Hancock, Illinois

