

(3/13/19 District Administrator's Corner article)

As the April 2, 2019, spring election approaches, I want to remind voters of the two separate elections happening in the River Valley School District on that date and to provide information regarding voter eligibility and absentee voting.

First, voters in the district will be asked to vote on a referendum question to exceed the revenue limit in the 2019-20 through 2021-22 school years. This referendum is designed to maintain the current educational programming and offerings in the district for the next three years. This is not a building/capital referendum. The district will not be adding any new positions or programs with these funds.

Second, there will be three School Board seats up for election on the ballot. It is important to note that all River Valley citizens vote for all seats up for election in any River Valley School Board race. Therefore, citizens from across the district can vote for candidates in the spring election in April, even if they live outside of the areas that have School Board seats up for election.

Three members of the nine member Board are elected each year. This year, elections will take place for the seats in the Township of Clyde, Village of Spring Green, and the Village of Plain. Again, all voters who live in the River Valley School District have the opportunity to vote for the candidates representing the three seats up for election, even if they live outside of the areas that have School Board seats up for election.

Any qualified elector—U.S. citizen, 18 years of age, who has resided in the district in which he or she intends to vote for at least 10 days—who registers to vote is eligible to request an absentee ballot by contacting his or her respective municipal clerk. Under Wisconsin law, voters do not need a reason or excuse, such as being out of town on Election Day, to vote absentee. Any voter who prefers to vote by absentee ballot may request one. Voting by absentee ballot is a convenient option for college students living outside the district.

Sincerely,

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River Valley School District