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TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN VOTER'S GUIDE
on Proposed Local Ballot Question 1

SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 7, 2023

**Your Polling
Location:**

POLLS OPEN FROM 7 am – 8 pm
CANVASSING OFFICE: (401) 849-5540 OR (401) 847-0009

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(401) 849-5540 or (401) 847-0009 to update your voter information.

**TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN
SPECIAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023
LOCAL BALLOT QUESTION**

Ballot Question 1

**ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$190 MILLION IN BONDS FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF NEW MIDDLETOWN SCHOOLS**

**1. MIDDLE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL
AND SCHOOL FACILITIES**

\$190,000,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES
(Chapter 023/024 – Local Acts of 2023)

“Shall an act passed at the 2023 session of the general assembly entitled ‘An Act Authorizing the Town of Middletown to Issue Not to Exceed \$190,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Notes and Other Evidences of Indebtedness to Finance the Construction, Furnishing and Equipping of a Middle School and High School and the Renovation, Improvement, Alteration, Repair, Furnishing and Equipping of School Facilities Throughout the Town and all Attendant Expenses Including, but not Limited to, Demolition, Engineering, Architectural and Landscaping Costs,’ be approved?”

What will the bonds do?

Approval and issuance of these bonds will provide the Town of Middletown with funds for the construction of a new middle school, a new high school, and improvements to other school facilities.

How much money will be borrowed?

\$190,000,000.00

How will the money be spent?

Current plans call for the money to be used to construct a middle school and high school to replace the Joseph H. Gaudet Middle School and Middletown High School. The bond also includes money for renovations to other school facilities.

Is State reimbursement for the Project available?

Yes, the Town anticipates receiving State Housing Aid reimbursement for up to 55% of the project costs.

Project timetable: The project is expected to commence by June 30, 2024, and to be completed by December 30, 2028.

Useful life: The Town estimates the useful life of new school buildings to be 50 years.

The full legislation may be viewed on the RI Legislature’s website at <https://webserver.rilegislature.gov/BillText/BillText23/SenateText23/So206A.pdf> or at one of the following town facilities: Middletown Town Hall, Middletown Police Department, Middletown Public Library.

Estimated Bond Project Costs

Project Costs ¹	Total Interest ²	Issuance Costs ³	Total Debt Service	Expected RIDE Reimbursement	Net Debt Service
\$179,699,026	\$140,449,310	\$1,285,974	\$321,434,310	\$150,106,294	\$171,328,016

¹ This amount reflects the Project Fund Deposit of \$190,000,000 less an estimated bond premium of \$10,300,974. Bond premium is money paid by bond investors in excess of the principal amount of the bonds, which can be used to reduce the amount of money borrowed.

² Assumes an interest rate of 4.50% with bonds amortized with level payments over 25 years. The interest rate is estimated; actual interest will depend upon the bond market at the time of issuance.

³ These costs include the estimated cost associated with the issuance of the bonds, such as legal fees, rating agency fees, printing and underwriting costs.

Voter Fraud: You must be registered to vote from your actual place of residence. Any person who fraudulently votes or attempts to vote in the name of some other person, where that name is that of a person living or dead or of a fictitious person, shall be guilty of voter fraud. Voter fraud is a felony, and punishable by up to 10 years in prison and/or a minimum fine of \$1,000 and a maximum fine of \$5,000 for each offense.

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Please visit the Town website www.middletownri.com or go to <https://mdl.town/Vote> to download Voter Registration forms, to view your voting location and view your sample ballot.

You may also contact the Middletown Board of Canvassers at Town Hall, 350 East Main Road, or by calling (401) 849-5540 or (401) 847-0009.

NOW THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO VOTE



From Home
By Mail Ballot

OR



Early In-Person
At Town Hall

OR



On Election Day At
Your Polling Place

2023 Election Dates

Special Election	Tuesday, November 7, 2023
Voter Registration Deadline*	Sunday, October 8, 2023
Mail Ballot Application Deadline	Tuesday, October 17, 2023
Early In-Person Voting (Town Hall Mon-Fri 8:00 am to 4:00 pm)	Wed. October 18 – Mon. November 6, 2023

* Voter Registration on Sunday, October 8 may be done online or in person at the Middletown Police Station, 123 Valley Road, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF POLLING LOCATIONS on November 7

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT	SENATE DISTRICT	REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT	VOTING DISTRICT	VOTING LOCATION
1	12	72 and 73	1901 1902 1903	Joseph H. Gaudet School Gym Turner Road Entrance
1	12	74	1904 1905	Middletown High School Gym 130 Valley Road

**The polls for the Special Election will be open for voting
from 7 am to 8 pm. on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.**