



# SOUTH KINGSTOWN SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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## Voting schedule announced for South Kingstown School Construction Bond Referendum

*Special Election to be held Tuesday, May 4 on \$85 million bond referendum;  
School Building Committee to host Community Forum on Wednesday, April 28*

SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI – The Town of South Kingstown has announced the [schedule for residents to vote on a bond referendum](#) for school construction projects. A special election will be held on Tuesday, May 4. Registered voters can participate by mail or in-person, either during early voting or on election day.

The referendum asks voters to approve or reject an \$85 million bond to finance several school construction projects:

- Expand, renovate, and convert the middle school at Curtis Corner to a relocated South Kingstown High School. Discontinue use of the existing high school on Columbia Street.
- Expand and renovate the Broad Rock building into a true middle school, serving all students in grades 6-8.
- Make capital investments in all four elementary school buildings, including upgraded library / media centers, and add grade 5 to all.

The school district has applied for funding for the projects through the Rhode Island School Construction Program, which would reimburse at least 35 percent and as much as 50 percent of the \$85 million bond. South Kingstown submitted a “Stage II” application to the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) in February 2021. The projects would move forward only if RIDE approves the application and South Kingstown voters approve the bond referendum.

The School Building Committee will host a series of information and engagement events, including a virtual [Community Forum on Wednesday, April 28, 6 – 7:30 pm](#). Additional meetings are scheduled for site abutters, Parent Teacher Organizations, and other groups.

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## Important information about the special election:

- Polls will be open on Tuesday, May 4, from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm.
- Registered voters may vote at any one of three polling locations:
  - Matunuck Elementary School Cafeteria, 380 Matunuck Beach Road, Wakefield
  - South Kingstown High School Cafeteria, 215 Columbia Street, Wakefield (School Street entrance)
  - West Kingston Elementary School Cafeteria, 3119 Ministerial Road, West Kingston
- All South Kingstown School District students will participate in remote learning on Tuesday, May 4.
- Registered voters may submit a ballot by mail. Applications to vote by mail must be received by Tuesday, April 13, at 4:00 pm. Ballots can be mailed to the Board of Elections or placed in the drop box at Town Hall.
- Early voting (also called “emergency voting”) will be available from Wednesday, April 14 through Monday, May 3 at 4:00 pm in the Communications Building at Town Hall.

The project website at [www.SKSDbuild.org](http://www.SKSDbuild.org) includes detailed information about the [educational vision](#), scope of [projects](#), [financing](#), and answers to residents’ [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

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