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2021 School Election and Budget Procedures Calendar

The 2021 School Election and Budget Procedures Calendar (Election Calendar) includes the statutory election dates and the budget procedures timeline for the 2021-2022 April school election, November school election, and the special elections. You may access the Election Calendar through the link on the New Jersey Department of Education’s (NJDOE) Office of School Finance website.

Key steps/actions
School districts must follow the budget and election timeline applicable to their district type and election date. To facilitate compliance, the Election Calendar is topically arranged by school district type (e.g. Type I or Type II districts) and election date (April or November). For each district type and election date, the Election Calendar presents the statutory and regulatory dates by which the board of education or board of school estimate must complete certain budget-related processes. Dates and processes are also presented for county vocational districts, county special services school districts, educational services commissions, and school districts under full state intervention. Also presented are special election dates, including municipal clerk notification deadlines for the 2021 special election dates and the municipal clerk notification deadline for the January 2022 special election. Dates in the election calendar have been changed pursuant to Executive Order 203 (EO 203), which suspended the January 2021 Special election and pursuant to Executive Order 211 (EO 211), which suspended the March 2021 Special election.

Contact Information
Please email questions regarding the 2021 School Election and Budget Procedures Calendar to budget@doe.nj.gov.

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