

Grand Island Central School District

Grand Island, New York 14072

TO: Press Release
FROM: Janet Schuster, District Clerk
RE: Absentee Ballot Applications Available April 19th for May 15th
Budget/Trustee Vote
DATE: April 17, 2012

On Tuesday, May 15, 2012 Grand Island residents will have the opportunity to cast their ballots for the school district budget vote. For those voters who qualify, absentee ballots will be available. Of course, there are specific reasons for the use of absentee ballots. To be considered, you must fit one of the following categories:

1. Duties, Occupation or Business outside of County or Town
2. Vacation outside of County
3. Patient in the hospital
4. Unable to appear personally at the polling place on such day because of illness or physical disability
5.
 - A. Will be detained in jail for an offense other than a felony or awaiting trial or Grand Jury action
 - B. Will be confined in prison after conviction for an offense other than a felony
6. Absence from the school district on the day of election by reason of accompanying or being with a spouse, child or parent who is an eligible district voter and is eligible for an absentee ballot due to one of the above or below listed reasons
7. Confinement due to permanent illness or disability

FOLLOW THE STEPS LISTED BELOW TO RECEIVE YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT

1. **REQUEST AN APPLICATION.** Call (773-8801) or write the District Clerk, Janet Schuster, Grand Island Central School District, 1100 Ransom Road, Grand Island, NY 14072, for an application.
2. **RETURN YOUR APPLICATION.** Once you have completely filled out the application for an Absentee Ballot, you must return it to the District Clerk's office located in the District Offices adjacent to the High School. It may be mailed or hand-delivered, but must be received at least seven (7) days before the election in order for the ballot to be mailed to the voter.
3. **FILL OUT YOUR BALLOT AND TURN IT IN.** Assuming the above instructions have been properly completed and you have qualified for an Absentee Ballot, you will receive a ballot in the mail which will contain the same information as the ballot on the day of the vote. Follow the instructions on the ballot and either mail it or hand deliver it to the District Clerk's office. **However, it must be received by the District Clerk's office no later than 5:00pm on the day of the vote (May 15, 2012).**