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FROM: Yut'se O. Thomas, Director
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SUBJECT: 2017 School Election Calendar – Change in Election Date

The statutory date of the 2017 April school election is Tuesday, April 18, 2017, which coincides with the last day of Passover, a full day of religious observance. *N.J.S.A. 19:60-1* provides the Commissioner of Education the authority to change the annual school election date when it coincides with a period of religious observance.

In examining possible alternate school election dates, the Department has taken into consideration all religious observances following April 18.

After careful consideration, the Department of Education has changed the 2017 April school election date to Tuesday, April 25, 2017. Please be aware that the 2017-18 Budget and Election Calendar, upon release this fall, will reflect the revised election date.

For questions about the change to the statutory school election date, contact the Office of School Finance at budget@doe.state.nj.us or call (609) 292-4421.

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