



# Carteret County News-Times General Election Guide 2020

## Important dates

Oct. 15 - One-Stop Voting Begins

Oct. 27 - Last Day to Request an Absentee Ballot by Mail

Oct. 31 - One-Stop Voting Ends

Nov. 3 - PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION DAY

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## WHERE TO VOTE

**Precincts** - A voter is registered in the county election precinct that contains the voter's address

**Where can I vote?** Voters in Carteret County must vote in the district in which they live

Visit <https://www.carteret-countync.gov/472/Polling-Places> to see a full list of where to vote on election day.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Let's talk the issues ... in 25 words or less

**1. Do you support the bond referendum for schools?**

**2. Do you support school reopening in person, virtually or a hybrid model given the coronavirus pandemic?**

**3. How can we best keep students and staff safe in our schools?**

**4. What is a school need you feel has gone unmet?**

**5. Do you support the continued operation of the Marine Science and Technologies Early College High School?**

**6. Do you favor setting aside funds to help with remediation and other needs if students fall behind due to the pandemic and virtual learning?**



**Katie Statler**  
District 2  
Republican

I do support the bond referendum, it's needed to bring our school buildings up to date.

I support reopening our schools if the virus numbers stay under control, with safety measures in place.

School resource officers in each school is the first step in keeping our students and staff safe.

School safety, being proactive in all schools is an unmet need in my opinion.

I do support the continued operation of MaST Early College High School.

I do favor setting aside funds, our achievement gap is only being widened by the pandemic.



**Jennifer Johnson**  
District 2\*  
Democrat

Yes, will provide needed repairs and upgrades, while benefiting county by providing shelter in the new gyms during natural disasters, generating revenue from sponsored events.

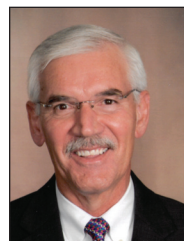
Children need to attend for their education, social and emotional health. Can only provide face to face instruction when we assure done in safest way.

Health, safety in our is my No. 1 concern. Every decision made by our BOE should always prioritize this, including COVID precautions, physical safety issues.

Lack of diversity in teaching staff, administrative positions; lower teacher supplement than surrounding counties; desperate need for free internet; prioritizing budget over repairs and safety.

I support MaST, an innovative and beneficial program, not only to our students, but our community. We should open it up to a Freshmen class.

Yes, we must do what is necessary to help students recover from educational opportunities missed due to COVID-19. Also continue to support our teachers, staff.



**Dennis Goodwin**  
District 3  
Republican

I do. The monies to address overcrowding in western Carteret County, stand-alone gyms and improving safety and security at our schools is very important.

Safety of students and staff is paramount. In-person learning is best, but only when safety is not compromised. The hybrid model is best for now.

The CDC and the governor have given clear guidance as to how to keep everyone safe. Vigilance from staff, parents and students will ensure success.

The mental and emotional health of our staff and students. Pre-pandemic it was already a challenge and now it has only amplified with today's challenges.

I support the best education possible for all our students. Dual enrollment and AP are already in place. Alternatives for some students requires exploration.

If the money is available, definitely. The challenges of virtual learning and the abilities to learn in this manner will require our best efforts.



**Lucy Bond**  
District 3  
Democrat

Yes. Some schools in the county are overcrowded. Up-graded HVAC and security systems are necessary for health and safety. Shelter ready gyms would benefit everyone.

I support face to face learning. Reopening schools thoughtfully with compulsory safety guidelines is imperative. Virtual learning/teaching should be an option for students and teachers.

During COVID continue mandatory mask wearing, screening, physical distancing if possible, quarantine when necessary. To deter school violence - security measures, student services, vigilance are needed.

Resolving inequities that cause school failure. Fund student services/programs to develop the whole child.

Yes. Give MaST a chance to succeed. Students earn college credit, a diploma, degree and/or local trade certification. N.C. supports early colleges. Give students choices.

Yes. We should always do all we can to help students who are behind and struggling. Teachers now need more support and tools to remediate.



**Travis Day (i)**  
District 4  
Republican

Yes. This bond makes sense. We must make wise investments in school upkeep and be forward thinking enough to adequately prepare for future needs.

We should get students back in school full time, making safety a high priority, while offering 100% virtual schooling for those who need it.

Continue common sense practices and wise investments in needed safety precautions, including but not limited to school resource officers, building safety, security and surveillance equipment.

For teachers: professional development and technology resources to better support online teaching.  
For students: practical, real-world education to provide life skills, technology proficiency and financial literacy.

No. Our limited resources are better utilized serving more students in our traditional high schools, providing opportunities through current Career & College Promise program options.

We should first utilize federally available funds for pandemic-related needs, and then support local programs to help students who have fallen behind during virtual learning.

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