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**NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION**  
**UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 379,**  
**CLAY COUNTY, KANSAS (CLAY COUNTY)**

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 379, Clay County, Kansas (Clay County) (the “District”), has heretofore, pursuant to resolution duly adopted, declared it advisable to make and finance certain improvements to District facilities pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 10-101 *et seq.*, K.S.A. 25-2018(f), K.S.A. 72-5457, and K.S.A. 72-5458 *et seq.* Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the District that a bond election has been called and will be held on March 3, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the following proposition:

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall Unified School District No. 379, Clay County, Kansas (Clay County) (the “District”) be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$10,250,000 (the “Bonds”) to pay the costs to construct, furnish and equip improvements and renovations to: (a) Lincoln and Garfield Elementary Schools, Clay Center Community Middle School, Clay Center Community High School, and Wakefield School; (b) other necessary District improvements, including District office, gymnasium, parking and transportation improvements; and (c) all improvements related thereto (the “Project”); and pay costs of issuance and interest on the Bonds during construction of the Project, all pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 10-101 *et seq.*, K.S.A. 25-2018(f), K.S.A. 72-5457, and K.S.A. 72-5458 *et seq.*?

To vote in favor of any question submitted on this ballot, press the word “Yes” on the voting machine or completely darken the oval to the left of the word “Yes” on the paper ballot. To vote against it, press the word “No” on the voting machine or completely darken the oval to the left of the word “No” on the paper ballot.

 YES  
NO

The polls will open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 7:00 P.M., on March 3, 2026, the election day. The voting places in the District, and the area each voting place will serve, will be as follows:

<u>Voters Residing In Precinct</u>	<u>Will Vote At</u>	<u>Location</u>
1st Ward, 2nd Ward, and 3rd Ward	Catholic Parish Center	714 Court St. Clay Center, KS 67432
Blaine Twp, Bloom Twp, Clay Center Twp, Exeter Twp, Five Creeks Twp, Garfield Twp, Goshen Twp, Grant Twp Hayes Twp, Highland Twp, Sherman Twp, and 4th Ward	First Baptist Church	902 Fifth St. Clay Center, KS 67432
Athelstane Twp, Chapman Twp, Gill Twp, Oakland Twp, Republican Twp, and Union Twp	Wakefield United Methodist Church	600 Elm St. Wakefield, KS 67487
Mulberry Twp	Clifton American Legion	3070 Frontier Rd. Clifton, KS 66937
Chapman Twp, Durham Twp, and Ottawa Twp	Wakefield United Methodist Church	600 Elm St. Wakefield, KS 67487
Colfax Twp and Starr Twp	Clifton American Legion	3070 Frontier Rd. Clifton, KS 66937

Early voting is available at the **Clay County Election Office** during regular business hours, beginning February 11, 2026. Early voting will end at Noon on March 2, 2026.

The election will be conducted by the officers and/or persons provided by law for holding elections, and the method of voting will be by ballot. Registered voters are eligible to vote by advance voting ballot upon application to the County Clerk at the address set forth below pursuant to K.S.A. 25-1117 *et seq.*

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The Capital Improvement Fund ("CIF") has been established in the treasury of the State of Kansas to assist school districts with making principal and interest payments on voted general obligation bond issues. The amount of CIF funding each school district receives is based on a formula prescribed by statute and implemented by the State Board of Education ("Bond State Aid"). Based on the current formula, the District expects to receive Bond State Aid in the approximate amount set forth below to assist with making the principal and interest payments on the Bonds. No assurance can be given that Bond State Aid will continue at this or any amount in future years.

The following additional information is provided by the District with respect to compliance with the provisions of K.S.A. 10-120a and K.S.A. 12-6,122. This information has been obtained from sources deemed reliable by the District. Certain portions of this information are based upon projections. No assurances can be given that these projections will be accurate as of the date of issuance of the Bonds due to changing market conditions, any changes in assessed valuation of the District, changes in the amount of state financial aid received by the District and other matters unknown or unavailable at this time. The projected rates of property taxation to be used to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds are based upon the current assessed valuation of the District, the assumed principal repayment schedule and the average interest rates from recent bond issues for similar types of financings and the current level of Bond State Aid the District would receive with respect to the Bonds, all as shown below.

### **Projected Summary of Project Costs**

<i>Sources of Funds</i>		<i>Uses of Funds</i>	
Bonds to be Issued	\$10,250,000	Project Costs (including architectural/engineering services)	\$10,250,000
Interest Earnings	<u>400,000</u>	Interest During Construction	200,000
		Issuance Expenses (including attorney fees, printing costs, rating agency fees, financial advisor fees, underwriting fees and other miscellaneous expenses)	<u>200,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,650,000</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,650,000</b>

### **Projected Summary of Bond Issue Repayments**

Principal payments over 15 years		Average Interest Rate	5.00%
Total Interest Cost to Maturity	\$4,759,166	Assessed Valuation (2025)	\$152,037,015
Average Annual Principal and Interest Payments			\$1,000,611
Portion of average annual principal and interest payments from Bond State Aid			\$0
Portion of average annual principal and interest payments from District funds			\$1,000,611

### **Average Annual Property Tax Mill Levy Rate for Principal and Interest Payments**

Total (without any Bond State Aid)	6.807 Mills
District Portion (with current level of Bond State Aid)	6.807 Mills

The election officer conducting the election will be the County Clerk of Clay County, Kansas, whose address is 712 Fifth Street, Suite 102, Clay Center, Kansas 67432.

(Seal) DATED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

Kayla Wang, County Clerk  
Clay County, Kansas