

## **ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

Absentee ballots are available to qualified school district residents for every vote. In order to qualify for an absentee ballot you must meet **all** of the district resident requirements listed below:

- ✓ ***CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES***
- ✓ ***AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD***
- ✓ ***RESIDENT OF THE SOUTH COLONIE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS BEFORE THIS VOTE. YOU MUST LIVE IN THE DISTRICT.***
- ✓ ***YOU ARE NOT A CONVICTED FELON OR ADJUDGED BY A COURT TO BE MENTALLY INCOMPETENT (Section 5-106 of Election Law 2012).***

Additionally, you must meet **one** of the following requirements:

1. Listed as "**PERMANENTLY DISABLED**" by the county in which you reside. A resident who is identified as permanently disabled on the list supplied to the district for each county, will automatically receive absentee ballots for each district vote thereafter.

### **OR**

2. **Out of town** for business or personal reasons on the day of the vote. A resident who will be out of town on the day of a district vote must request an absentee ballot no later than the day before any scheduled vote. This may be done by mail if the request is made at least seven business days previous to the vote. For the voter's convenience, a downloadable application is available from this site. Any request less than seven days from the day of the vote must be made in person at the District Office during regular business hours. All completed and signed absentee ballot applications must be sent via regular mail or delivered in person - fax or email applications will not be accepted.

In order for an absentee vote to be valid, the sealed ballot must be received in person no later than the day before the vote, or delivered by United States Postal Service by 5 p.m. the day of the vote to the District Office at South Colonie Central School District, 102 Loralee Drive, Albany, NY 12205.

All directions on the ballot and the envelope in which the ballot is sealed must be followed exactly for a ballot to be valid.

You may call the District Office at 869-3576, ext. 2442 with any further questions.