

31 May 2019

## Returning officers' Memo 12 - 2019 school trustee triennial elections

Kia ora,

NZSTA has received an update from New Zealand Post about the post marking of envelopes.

In accordance with legislation, a voting paper received after noon on election day is invalid, unless the voting paper was posted and the date stamp on the envelope shows that it was posted before noon on election day.

NZ Post can no longer guarantee that all envelopes will be post marked. For those envelopes that are not post marked, returning officers will not have any evidence that the envelope has been posted before noon on election day.

**Action required:**

If your school is going to a voting election, please tell people on your roll as soon as possible that **all** voting papers need to be received at the school by noon on election day to be counted as valid.

**Note:**

- Any postal votes that arrive at the school by noon on election day can be counted
- Returning officers need to keep all votes (valid and invalid)
- Any voting papers that are post marked by noon on election day and arrive within five days can be counted.

**Contact the NZSTA Elections Team**

Our team is here to support your board during the trustee elections:

- [Trustee elections website](#)
- NZSTA Election Advice line 0800 ELECTION (0800 353 284)
- Email [electionsadvise@nzsta.org.nz](mailto:electionsadvise@nzsta.org.nz)

Kind Regards,

NZSTA Elections Team



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