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## **Clovernook Center Hosts Hamilton County BOE to Demo Accessible Voting Equipment**

*New Way to Independently Cast Ballot When Early Voting at the BOE*

**WHAT:** Hamilton County Board of Elections officials will demonstrate the county's new voting system at Clovernook Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired and give voters with visual impairment or blindness the opportunity to test the new equipment prior to the November 5, 2019 General Election.

**WHEN:** 10 a.m., Tuesday, August 13

**WHERE:** Clovernook Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired, 7000 Hamilton Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45231

**WHY:** Voters who require assistance now have new and improved disabled access options so they can cast their ballots independently. This event is open to the media to get footage of the new voting system, including being used by voters who are blind or visually impaired, and potentially other disabilities. It also provides an opportunity for media to interview Hamilton County Board of Elections officials on the improvements and features of the new system, Clovernook Center staff on the importance of accessibility in voting and in life for those with any kind of disability, and with those who are blind and visually impaired about their experience using the new voting system.

**DESCRIPTION:** Hamilton County Board of Elections officials will visit Clovernook Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired on Tuesday, August 13 to demonstrate a new voting system – first used in May 2019 – in preparation for the November 2019 General Election. Clovernook Center customers and employees who are blind or visually impaired will learn about new and improved features of the system that allow them to vote independently, and be able to test the new equipment.

“Voters will continue to cast their votes on a paper ballot. The system functions the same way but with a new look, new technology, and new security features,” said Director Sherry Poland. “I like to compare this process to trading in an old reliable car for a new, upgraded model.”

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### **About Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

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