



## BRIARCLIFF MANOR UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## COMMUNITY BOND VOTE ON MAY 18, 2021

On Tuesday, May 18, 2021, the residents of Briarcliff Manor Union Free School District will be asked to vote on a tax-neutral \$26.6 million proposition which addresses major infrastructure issues districtwide and important 21st century updates to educational spaces at Briarcliff High School.

In its desire to promote a fiscally responsible capital plan, the District Facilities Planning Committee developed an approach to begin financing the project as prior debt service payments are retired from the books. As former debt service is paid off, the new bond payments will go into effect, thereby keeping the District debt service unchanged. As a result, the District will be able to complete this \$26.6 million project with no increase in taxes. In addition, the state will aid up to 30% of capital improvement project expenses. This incentive is a value for the community as it reclaims state tax dollars for use.

Infrastructure improvements include new roofs at all buildings to address current leaks, exterior masonry and window repair, updates to HVAC rooftop units and interior exhaust, improvements to current plumbing and electrical, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance updates, and the creation of a Student Learning Exchange at Briarcliff High School—a collaborative learning space created in the High School Library/Maresca Center.

These infrastructure and education improvements are the most significant improvement plan for the District in over 20 years. These improvements will ensure that our school buildings are structurally sound, safe, energy efficient, more accessible to people with disabilities, and designed for 21st century teaching and learning practices.

A strong school system is the center of a community, and maintaining our schools is essential to maintaining a high-quality of life in our community, promoting student achievement, and enhancing our real estate values. A thriving school district will continue to attract new families to our area for generations to come, and provide an attractive destination to the 80-100 tuition-paying students that the District receives each year.

# FAQs

## Why a bond referendum?

A bond is the mechanism used to fund large capital projects. The costs of the capital projects required are too large to include in any one, or even a series of operating budgets.

A bond permits the District to borrow funds at an advantageous interest rate and maximize State Aid. This referendum is structured to neutralize cost to tax-payers.

## Will this increase my taxes?

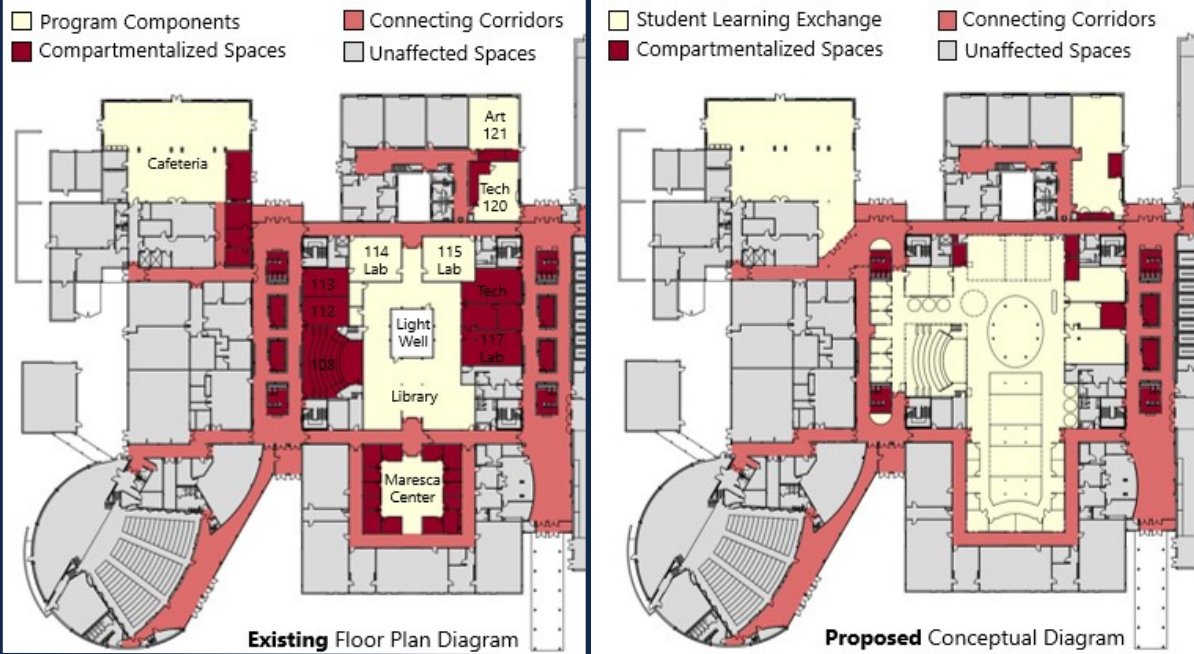
There will be **no** tax increase associated with this project. The District Facilities Planning Committee developed an approach to begin financing the project as prior debt service payments are retired from the books. As former debt service is paid off, the new bond payments will go into effect, thereby keeping the District debt service unchanged.

## Why does the district require so much infrastructure work?

The last large-scale infrastructure project occurred in 2002. The bulk of this project includes large scale infrastructure repairs and upgrades that have not been included in previous smaller projects, such as repairing of the leaking roofs at all schools.



# SPOTLIGHT ON: STUDENT LEARNING EXCHANGE



The proposed Student Learning Exchange reimagines the High School Student Experience by transforming the existing library and Maresca Center into an open-concept 21st Century Learning Space. The Student Learning Exchange will feature flexible seating and moveable walls to foster a collaborative environment between students and faculty, while also featuring breakout spaces for more traditional models of instruction. Creation of the Student Learning Exchange consists of multiple construction projects, including the renovation of the old library, renovation of the old Maresca Center, elimination of the dividing corridor, inclusion of room 108 as an amphitheater element, incorporation of rooms 112, 113, and hallway; combination of art room 120 and tech room 121, incorporation of rooms 114, 115, and entry way; and finally clearing access to the Cafeteria. The Student Learning Exchange will facilitate Briarcliff Manor remaining a state-of-the-art facility for current and future generations of students.

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Total Project Cost: \$26.6M
- Infrastructure Repair work: \$18,647,113
- Student Learning Exchange: \$7,986,000
- Maintains current debt service levels
- Replace roof areas at all buildings
- Security vestibule upgrades at all buildings
- Renovations to Old Library/Maresca Center
- Exterior Building Envelope upgrades, including masonry and window repairs.
- Replacement of HVAC rooftop units
- Plumbing Upgrades
- Electrical Upgrades

## SAVE THE DATE

COMMUNITY BOND VOTE

**TUESDAY,  
MAY 18, 2021**

Todd Elementary School

45 Ingham Road  
Briarcliff Manor, NY

**6:00 AM—9:00 PM**