



Dear Seneca Falls CSD Community Members,

The Seneca Falls Central School District Board of Education has approved a resolution establishing a Capital Improvement Project proposition for district residents. The submission of this proposition to voters is the result of a three-year process, which included a required NYS Education Department Five Year Facilities Plan and Buildings Condition Survey, as well as the completion of needs assessment surveys by district staff and steering committees (consisting of school staff, parents, and community members). A variety of educational enhancements, health & safety, maintenance and efficiency items have been identified and carried forward in the proposition, which will be put before voters on Tuesday, December 19, 2017, from 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm, in the Mynderse Academy Senior High School lobby. The wide variety of identified projects will enable the district to continue to meet its core mission of providing quality educational opportunities to students in current day learning environments, continue to assume responsibility of maintaining buildings and grounds, as well as promote safe school environments.

The following are some of the details related to the project goals of Educational Enhancements, Health, Safety, and Maintenance, and Energy Efficiencies.

- ✓ **Educational Enhancements** – Complete renovation and redesign of Mynderse Academy High School Science classrooms, renovation of Mynderse Academy gymnasium and locker rooms, carpet replacement and upgraded lighting at the Mynderse Academy Performing Arts Center, and Frank Knight School learning spaces for potential Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program.
- ✓ **Health & Safety, Maintenance, and Efficiencies**– This project will enable the district to address traffic congestion at Cady Stanton School by creating additional parking in the front of the school to allow the rear parking lot to be dedicated to drop-offs/pick-ups and parent parking. The addition of a sidewalk from the Cady Stanton School rear parking lot to front door will also allow parents and guests to easily access the main entrance. This project will also include restroom renovations at three of the schools. The project will also include replacement of

the Mynderse Academy hot water tank, milling & paving of various district driveways and parking lots, as well as HVAC unit upgrades at Frank Knight School.

- ✓ **Efficiencies**—After receiving failing grades on the past two Building Condition Surveys, this project includes the demolition and replacement of the Bus Garage. The construction of a new Transportation Center provides numerous efficiencies for the district. New construction coupled with all other work occurring in this project allows the district to receive maximum building aid. Thus, the Board of Education and District Administration feel that it is much more fiscally responsible to engage in a project that receives the greatest amount of state aid.



The Board of Education and District Administration considered numerous project needs, but developed a final scope of work that addresses needs and is fiscally responsible. The proposed project would not require any additional tax dollars from residents. The local cost (non-state aidable portion of the project) would be covered from funds in the District's Capital Building Reserve Fund.

Pending successful approval of the proposition by community residents, design plans would be developed by the architectural engineers and submitted to the New York State Education Department. Once the plans are approved in the succeeding twelve months, projects will be released for bid and contracts will be awarded. Construction and renovation work would begin in the Spring/Summer of 2019 and would occur over a one-year period of time.

Special thanks to all Seneca Falls Central School District community residents for continued support of all district programs. Also, thanks for considering all the details related with the proposed Capital Improvement Project.

Sincerely, **Mr. Robert McKeveny**, *Superintendent of Schools*



WHERE AND HOW DO I VOTE?

The required **PUBLIC HEARING** on the proposed project will be conducted on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 AT 7:00 PM** in the Seneca Falls Middle School Library.

The **PUBLIC VOTE** on the proposed project will take place on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19 FROM 2:00 PM TO 8:00 PM** in the Mynderse Academy Lobby. District residents can obtain additional information regarding the proposed project by visiting the district website at www.senecafallscsd.org.



CAPITAL PROJECT VOTE

Tuesday, Dec. 19
2:00 PM to 8:00 PM
 Mynderse Academy Lobby

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR TAXPAYERS

The proposed Capital Improvement Project includes items that have been identified in the district’s Five Year Facilities Plan. This New York State Education Department required plan is driven by academic program and curricular needs, as well as health/safety, maintenance, and efficiency items. The current Five Year Facilities Plan, which was developed with representative input from school community groups and accepted by the Board of Education, will guide the district through this and upcoming projects, enhance instructional programs, and advance efforts to meet the following responsibilities:

- ✓ Meet the district’s and community’s instructional and activity program needs.
- ✓ Protecting the community’s investments in its school buildings and grounds.
- ✓ Maintain safe and secure facilities.
- ✓ Improve energy efficiencies and stabilize/reduce ongoing maintenance costs.

The proposed project has been thoughtfully and carefully planned to maximize State Building Aid.

PROJECT FINANCES: NO ADDITIONAL IMPACT ON LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES

While this district will generate approximately 83% NYS Building Aid, the remaining funds will be expensed from the District’s Capital Reserve Fund. Thus, there will be no additional tax impact for community residents.

Total Project Cost	\$13,950,000
State Building Aid Portion	\$11,620,350
Capital Reserve Fund Portion	\$2,329,650
Additional Tax Levy Portion	\$0.00

WHAT VOTERS WILL SEE AT THE POLLS on DECEMBER 19, 2017

Shall the Board of Education of Seneca Falls Central School District, Seneca County, New York (the “District”) be authorized to undertake a capital improvement project consisting of (i) the construction of a new two story, approximately 25,000 square foot Transportation Center at the site of the District’s existing bus garage located at 2 Butler Avenue within the District, including demolition of such existing bus garage, reconstruction of parking areas and driveways, and construction of related site improvements; (ii) the construction of a new approximately 33 vehicle capacity parking area on the north side of Elizabeth Cady Stanton Elementary School, (iii) alterations, renovations and improvements to the District’s existing buildings and facilities, including site improvements for various school purposes, (iv) the acquisition and installation in and around foregoing buildings, facilities and improvements of original furnishings, equipment, machinery, and apparatus, and other services incidental thereto, and (v) all ancillary and related improvements, costs and expenses in connection with the foregoing, all at a total estimated cost not to exceed \$13,950,000, with such cost being raised by the expenditure of \$2,329,650 from said District’s existing General Capital Reserve Fund to fund a portion of the cost of the alterations, renovations and improvements described in clauses (ii) and (iii) above (including the portions of the costs described in clauses (iv) and (v) above that relate to alterations, renovations and improvements described in clauses (ii) and (iii) above), and with the balance thereof, not to exceed \$11,620,350, being raised by a tax upon the taxable property of said School District to be levied and collected in annual installments with such tax to be offset by State aid available therefore, and in anticipation of such tax, by obligations of said School District as may be necessary?



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