

## Sayreville Public Schools Vision 2030

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## Arleth PTO Meeting

Monday, October 21, 2019

#### Guess how old we are?

- SWMHS
  - 57 (Built in 1962)
- SMS
  - 51 (Built in 1968)
- SUES
  - 15 (Built in 1952 and remodeled in 2004)
- Truman
  - 47 (Built in 1972)
- Eisenhower
  - 50 (Built in 1969)
- Arleth
  - 60 (Built in 1959)
- Wilson
  - 86 (Built in 1933)
- Selover
  - 65 (Built in 1954)

# Some Recent Arleth School Facility and Infrastructure Projects

- Replaced HV unit ventilators in the main office wing and a portion of the roof (6 years ago).
- Upgrade of technology infrastructure.
- Installation of new exterior and interior (by February 2020) video surveillance cameras.
- Replacement of 2/3 of the windows.
- Paving of parking lot.
- Painting of rooms and replacement of blinds.
- Construction of secure retention vestibule in summer of 2020.

#### Note!

- Although some of the windows and doors in some of our buildings have been replaced over the years, many of them are the originals that were installed when each school was constructed.
- While we have performed work on our roofs, the majority of them are over 20 years of age.
- While many may have been replaced over the years, most of the mechanicals, such as boilers and unit ventilators, are either the originals or are nearing 20 years old.
- While some have been upgraded through the years, many of the electrical grids are the originals.
- Although one school is fully and conditioned with an antiquated system and larger rooms in several schools are currently being air conditioned with very inefficient mechanicals, we still do not have climate controlled environments in our schools.

We must start now to strategically and methodically improve our facilities, which are the learning environments for our students and the working environments for our staff.

#### **Key Questions**

- How can we keep our students and staff safe in our aging facilities?
  - Are our building envelopes and roofs sealed and safe?
- How can we continue to increase student achievement?
  - Are our students meeting their potential as learners?
- Does the climate in our schools' environments impact student learning?
  - Is the temperature in our schools conducive for optimum teaching and learning throughout the entire school year?
    - Cool in spring/fall/summer?
    - Warm in the winter?
- Do our electrical grids generate enough power for our students and staff?
  - Do we have enough power for the increase in technology and potential HVAC?
- Can we develop an in-district 18-21 year old students with disabilities program?
  - Can we educate our students better and more cost effectively?
- If we want our district bus drivers and aides to transport all or most of our students, can we safely maintain the busses?
  - If we are going to bus more of our students and be less reliant on vendors with less competent drivers, can we safely maintain the additional busses?
- How can we offset rising energy costs while still leveraging technology and providing healthy climate controlled environments?
  - How can we increase our electrical infrastructure without increasing energy consumption and paying higher energy costs?

#### Facility and Infrastructure Needs for <u>ALL</u> Schools

- Reparation or Installation of New Central Heating and Cooling Systems
  - Large rooms (media centers, cafeterias, gymnasiums)
- Replacement of Inoperable or Inefficient boilers and Existing Classroom HV/Inefficient HVAC Unit Ventilators (UV) with high Efficiency Boilers and HVAC UVs
- New and/or Revamped Electrical Infrastructure
  - Power grids
- New Building Envelopes
  - Roofs
  - Windows
  - Doors
- Renovations to the Selover School in Order to Make it an 18-21 Year Old Program School
- Construction of a New Bus Complex
  - 3 bay garage, offices, break rooms
- Installation of Solar Panels on Applicable Roofs

#### Climate Controlled Environment

- Research strongly and universally correlates increased student achievement in climate controlled environments.
  - Teaching is improved and learning is enhanced.
- A proposed statute will require classrooms to be between 65 and 79 degrees and those not meeting those standards be relocated.
- More than half of NJ Schools are fully climate controlled.
- In Middlesex County 92% of districts have some schools that are fully and others that are partially air conditioned. Moreover, in 50% of the districts, all schools are fully air conditioned.

## May 2019

AccuWeather							
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
57° 49°	73° 51°	77° 56°	71° 50°	64° 53°	79° 56°	71° 50°	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
50° 43°	48° 45°	55° 40°	72° 48°	75° 51°	81° 56°	79° 54°	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
87° 62°	87° 57°	73° 44°	76° 56°	75° 55°	76° 52°	74° 59°	
26	27	28	29	30	31	6/1	
88° 62°	82° 55°	79° 63°	72° 58°	76° 60°	81° 58°	79° 61°	

• 11 out of 19 days in which the temperature in ground level classrooms was 80 degrees or more and potentially 90 degrees or more on 2<sup>nd</sup> floors.

## June 2019

S	M	Т	W	Т	F	S
5/26	5/27	5/28	5/29	5/30	5/31	1
88° 62°	82° 55°	79° 63°	72° 58°	76° 60°	81° 58°	79° 61°
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82° 50°	71° 43°	72° 57°	84° 65°	85° 60°	81° 60°	79° 53°
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
75° 53°	72° 57°	78° 50°	75° 57°	68° 56°	75° 48°	82° 64°
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
82° 67°	79° 67°	78° 67°	71° 65°	86° 69°	79° 58°	81° 55°

No out of 15 days in which the temperature in ground level classrooms was 80 degrees or more and potentially 90 degrees or more on 2<sup>nd</sup> floors. 3 days were potentially 100 degrees or more on second floors.

## September 2019

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8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
78° 58°	78° 62°	80° 67°	90° 69°	85° 58°	70° 57°	78° 62°	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
85° 60°	82° 60°	78° 52°	73° 46°	72° 42°	80° 50°	87° 55°	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
89° 62°	90° 58°	78° 50°	80° 53°	85° 50°	79° 47°	84° 66°	
29	30	10/1	10/2	10/3	10/4	10/5	
80° 58°	72° 57°	82° 67°	87° 57°	71° 54°	68° 46°	66° 46°	

- 12 out of 17 days in which the temperature in ground level classrooms was 80 degrees or more and potentially 90 degrees or more on 2<sup>nd</sup> floors. 4 days were potentially 100 degrees or more on second floors.
- On October 2<sup>nd</sup> temperatures are expected to be 90 degrees, which will mean that it will probably be 95 degrees in ground level classrooms and 105 degrees on 2<sup>nd</sup> floors.

### Selover School

- Currently we educate all our 18-21 year old students with intellectual disabilities out of the district, which when their tuition is combined with their transportation can cost up to \$80,000-90,000 per student.
- ▶ If we were to develop an 18-21 year old program and locate it at the Selover School, we could potentially save the district
  - \$960,000 in 2021–22
  - \$1,920,000 in 2022-23
  - 2,880,000 in 2023 and each year afterward
- We could also generate between \$200,000 and 300,000 per year.
- However, we need to renovate the Selover School so that it meets NJDOE school facility requirements.
- ▶ Between the money saved and revenue generated, we could potentially pay for the cost to renovate Selover in 3-4 years.

# How can we fund all these required improvements?

- Facilities Bond Referendum (aka. Referendum)
- Energy Savings Improvement Project (ESIP)
- Lease/Purchase Finance Agreement (LPA)
- Power/Purchase Finance Agreement (PPA)

## What is a Facilities Bond Referendum?

A process whereby the voters of a municipality are given the opportunity to approve or disapprove a proposed new capital project to construct new or renovate existing facilities. An election is most commonly required in connection with general obligation or full faith and credit bonds. Requirements for voter approval are based on statute and/or local ordinance.

# What is an Energy Savings Improvement Project (ESIP)

NJ law allows government agencies to make energy related improvements to their facilities and pay for the costs using the value of energy savings that result from the improvements. Under Chapter 4 of the Laws of 2009 (the law), the "Energy Savings Improvement Program" (ESIP), provides all government agencies in New Jersey, including public school districts, with a flexible tool to improve and reduce energy usage with minimal expenditure of new financial resources.

## Lease/Purchase Agreement?

- School districts can also use lease/purchase agreement financing for busses, equipment and even construction projects. This allows a district to receive larger amounts of funding up front, which can speed up construction and enable a district to put new and remodeled facilities into service more quickly, as well as reduce the odds of probable inflation in construction costs over time.
- As is the case with equipment leases, as long as the district can afford the repayment of the lease within five years or less, capital projects such as new construction, building renovations, and additions can be financed through a five year lease-purchase agreement.
- However, these payments must be made within the school district's operating budgetary cap, and must be considered as a part of its long-range facilities plan budget plants process.

## Power Purchase Agreement

A Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) is an arrangement in which a third-party developer installs, owns, and operates an energy system on a customer's property. The customer then purchases the system's electric output for a predetermined period. A PPA allows the customer to receive stable and often low-cost electricity with no upfront cost, while also enabling the owner of the system to take advantage of tax credits and receive income from the sale of electricity. Though most commonly used for renewable energy systems, PPAs can also be applied to other energy technologies such as combined heat and power (CHP).

# Our Proposed Potential Strategic Plan

## Potential Facilities Bond Referendum/ESIP Project

#### Facilities Bond Referendum

- Submission in March 2020 for Vote in September 2020
- All remaining building envelope upgrades
  - Windows and doors
- Roof replacements and/or reparations
- Electrical infrastructure upgrades
- Installation of air conditioning in all schools
  - Large (i.e.: gym, library, cafeteria) rooms in each building
  - Replacement of classroom HV unit ventilators with HVAC ventilators, especially on second floors
- Renovation of the Selover School

#### **ESIP**

- Submission in July 2020 for start in September 2020
- High efficiency lighting conversion
- Replacement of inefficient mechanicals, such as boilers
- Replacement of inefficient HV/HVAC unit ventilators
- Electrical infrastructure upgrades

# Potential Lease Purchase/Power Purchase Agreements

#### Lease Purchase Agreement

- Transportation complex
  - 3 bay garage
  - Maintenance Area
  - Mechanic office/locker room
  - Driver break/locker room
  - Director and administrative assistant offices

#### Power Purchase Agreement

- Installation of Solar Panels
  - Roofs with 25 year warranties

We can perform the LPA, PPA, and even the ESIP projects, upon NJDOE approval, within a budget cycle, but we will need voter approval in order to perform the referendum

projects.

## Referendum

- Five Major Construction Project Domains
- Five Options
- Community Input
  - Meetings
    - BOE, SPAC/Blue Ribbon, PTO, Faculty, Student Council
  - Survey
    - November 4<sup>th</sup>
- Submission of project to NJDOE in March 2020
- Referendum Vote at the end of September 2020

## **Construction Project Domains**

- Domain 1 Upgrades to HV/AC
- Domain 2 HVAC for larger spaces
- Domain 3 HVAC to upper floors
- Domain 4 Renovation of Selover
- Domain 5 Roofing and Windows

## **Option A**

School	Roofing	Windows	Total cost for new complete HVAC system	Total
Arleth Elementary	\$852,784	\$100,328 *	\$6,718,283	\$7,671,394
Eisenhower Elementary	\$0	\$761,189 *	\$6,173,583	\$6,934,772
Truman Elementary	\$0	\$1,003,860	\$5,940,818	\$6,944,678
Wilson Elementary	\$1,122,521	\$1,461,031	\$5,436,145	\$8,019,697
Samsel Upper Elementary	\$2,204,309	\$5,042,101	\$14,649,103	\$21,895,514
Sayreville Middle School	\$479,050	\$3,843,697	\$12,624,920	\$16,947,667
War Memorial High School	\$1,602,809	\$648,648	\$20,433,186	\$22,684,643
Subtotal	\$6,261,473	\$12,860,854	\$71,976,038	\$91,098,366
Selover Elementary				\$ 8,603,023

Total \$99,701,389

Approximate Tax Impact for Average Assessed Home at (\$144,724)

Annual \$295 Monthly \$25 Daily \$0.81

## Option B

School	Roofing	Windows	Total cost for new complete HVAC system	Cooling Large Spaces	Cooling Upper Floors	Total
Arleth Elementary	\$852,784	\$100,328 *	\$6,718,283			\$7,671,394
Eisenhower Elementary	\$0	\$761,189 *	\$6,173,583			\$6,934,772
Truman Elementary	\$0	\$1,003,860	ii A KAA A GASSI A GASSA A			\$6,944,678
Wilson Elementary	\$1,122,521	\$1,461,031		\$1,835,854	\$1,873,300	\$6,292,706
Samsel Upper Elementary	\$2,204,309	\$5,042,101		\$1,216,707		\$14,962,468
Sayreville Middle School	\$479,050	\$3,843,697		\$1,809,665	\$2,831,400	\$8,963,812
War Memorial High School	\$1,602,809	\$648,648		\$2,766,685	\$6,327,750	\$11,345,892
Subtotal	\$6,261,473	\$12,860,854	\$18,832,684	\$7,628,911	\$17,531,800	\$63,115,723
Selover Elementary	JANE.					\$8,603,023
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Total						\$71,718,746

Approximate Tax Impact for Average Assessed Home at (\$144,724) M

Annual \$212 Monthly \$18 Daily \$0.58

## **Option C**

School	Roofing	Windows	Cooling Large Spaces	Cooling Upper Floors	Total
Arleth Elementary	\$852,784	\$100,328 *	\$1,310,849	N/A	\$2,263,960
Eisenhower Elementary	\$0	\$761,189*	\$803,277	N/A	\$1,564,466
Truman Elementary	\$0	\$1,003,860	\$886,600	N/A	\$1,890,460
Wilson Elementary Samsel Upper Elementary	\$1,122,521 \$2,204,309	\$1,461,031 \$5,042,101			
Sayreville Middle School	\$479,050	\$3,843,697	\$1,809,665	\$2,831,400	\$8,320,312
War Memorial High School Subtotal	\$1,602,809 \$6,261,473	THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF THE	A THE RESIDENCE AND A SECOND CO.	and the same of th	
Selover Elementary					\$8,603,023
Total					\$54.835.737

Approximate Tax Impact for Average Assessed Home at (\$144,724)

Annual \$162 Monthly \$13 Daily \$0.45

## Option D

School	Roofing	Windows	Cooling Large Spaces	Total
Arleth Elementary	\$852,784	\$100,328 *	\$1,310,849	\$2,263,960
Eisenhower Elementary	\$0	\$761,189 *	\$803,277	\$1,564,466
Truman Elementary	\$0	\$1,003,860	\$886,600	\$1,890,460
Wilson Elementary	\$1,122,521	\$1,461,031	\$1,835,854	\$4,419,406
Samsel Upper Elementary	\$2,204,309	\$5,042,101	\$1,216,707	\$8,463,118
Sayreville Middle School	\$479,050	\$3,843,697	\$1,809,665	\$6,132,412
War Memorial High School	\$1,602,809	\$648,648	\$2,766,685	\$5,018,142
Subtotal	\$6,261,473	\$12,860,854	\$10,629,637	\$29,751,964
Selover Elementary				\$8,603,023
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Total

Approximate Tax Impact for Annual \$113
Average Assessed Home at (\$144,724) Monthly \$9
Daily \$0.31

\$38,354,987

**Option E** 

School	Roofing	Windows	Total	
Arleth Elementary	\$852,784	\$100,328 *	\$953,111	
Eisenhower Elementary	\$0	\$761,189 *	\$761,189	
Truman Elementary	\$0	\$1,003,860	\$1,003,860	
Wilson Elementary	\$1,122,521	\$1,461,031	\$2,583,552	
Samsel Upper Elementary	\$2,204,309	\$5,042,101	\$7,246,411	
Sayreville Middle School	\$479,050	\$3,843,697	\$4,322,747	
War Memorial High School	\$1,602,809	\$648,648	\$2,251,457	
Subtotal	\$6,261,473	\$12,860,854	\$19,122,327	
Selover Elementary			\$8,603,023	
Total			\$27 725 350	

Approximate Tax Impact for Annual \$82
Average Assessed Home at (\$144,724) Monthly \$7
Daily \$0.23

## Survey

- 5 minutes or less
- Introduction
- Demographic Information
- Valuation of Learning and Teaching Environment Inquiry
- Satisfaction with Teaching and Learning Environment Inquiry
- Recommended Action Inquiry
- Option Inquiry (Sayreville Residents Only)

## Some final things to think about...

- The tax impact for any option will decrease gradually as the principal is paid each year, and in 2030, when the debt from the previous referendum is paid in full, it will reduce by 30%.
- Sayreville ranks 342 out of 566 municipalities in terms of the average property tax bill which means that roughly 60% of the municipalities in New Jersey have a higher tax bill than we do in Sayreville.
- Sayreville schools are currently below adequacy in funding by \$24,317,514.
  - Our current state aid funding \$16,004,085 less than what we should be.
  - Our current local fair share from Sayreville tax payers is \$8,313,429 less than what it should be

## Some final things to think about...

- Of all school districts with a high school, Sayreville is ranked the 11<sup>th</sup> lowest in NJ in terms of 2017-18 per pupil spending.
  - Only 4% of high school districts spend less than we do.
- ▶ Of K-12 districts with 3,500 students or more, we spend the least amount per pupil in the NJ. No district spends less than we do.
  - We spend \$1,076,075 less than closest K-12 district with 3,500 students or more.
- We spend \$7,009,860 less than North Brunswick, which is the most comparable Middlesex County district to us in size and socio-economics.

## Questions?

## Suggestions?