



FUTURE FACILITIES PLAN 2022

Frequently Asked Questions



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What is the Future Facilities Project 2022?

Future Facilities Project 2022 is a proposed \$45.5 million, tax-neutral Capital Project intended to address current infrastructure-related items, preserve the integrity of school buildings and property, and create student learning spaces that allow for collaboration, creativity, and future-driven teaching and learning.

What is included in this proposed Project?

The project includes enhancements to spaces used for teaching and learning, athletics, the arts, and infrastructure; it will touch each school building. Following are some highlights:

A summary document of the scope of the Future Facilities Project can be [found here](#).

How were decisions made about what to include in the Capital Plan?

The plan was developed following a lengthy process. First, the district initiated and completed a state-mandated Building Condition Survey (BCS), which included input from a variety of stakeholders: District Administration; Building Level Leaders; Department Directors; and Buildings and Grounds Team. (See below for additional information on the BCS.)

From there, the district created the Future Facilities Planning Team which is composed of faculty and staff members, students, community members, building and district administrators, and representatives from the Board of Education and the Village. Beginning in the Spring of 2022, the FFPT toured each of the school buildings and Spencer Field to see first-hand the areas that were recommended for upgrades and improvements identified in the BCS. They also worked to envision learning spaces that align with the District's next iteration of its strategic plan, centered around developing into a future-driven school system.

The FFPT met multiple times to determine specific recommendations to include in the Capital Plan. The Plan was shared by members of the District's Future Facilities Planning Team (FFPT) at the Board of Education meeting on September 15, 2022.

What is the Building Condition Survey?

The Building Condition Survey (BCS) and Five-Year Plan is required per regulation of the Commissioner of New York State Department of Education for the purpose of identifying and planning for facilities improvements. Following submission of the 2022 plan, the district's infrastructure was rated satisfactory. However, a range of infrastructure areas, which are related to age-related deterioration and include work to maintain district facilities in good working order, were identified. These are now included in the Capital Facilities Plan.

How Is The Re-envisioning and Renovation of Certain Learning Spaces Intended to Impact The Experience for Students?

This will improve or create spaces in which new technologies can be used, collaborative learning can take place, and students can receive support," said Superintendent Walker. "We also value that students learn in different ways and explore a variety of passions, which requires a thoughtful approach to this plan. The spaces include those which support learning and collaboration, such as an upgraded music suite and renovated High School Auditorium, outdoor learning spaces, and installation of artificial turf at Spencer Field, among many others. We view this project to be for the Tigers of today, and tomorrow."

What is the cost of the Future Facilities Project 2022 to taxpayers?

The Future Facilities Project is tax neutral and was intentionally crafted to not increase the tax levy for the community's residents. In order to achieve tax-neutrality, the District will be leveraging NY State Education Department Building Aid, timing the bond financing to align with declining debt, and using funds from the District's existing Capital Reserve.

What does "tax neutral" mean, and how is that accomplished with this Project?

Tax neutral means that the Project will not require an increase in the tax levy for our community's residents as a result of this project.

The District has designed this Project to be tax neutral for residents by leveraging three factors:

- NYSED Building Aid for the Project. The Project is designed to generate approximately \$18 million in Building Aid from New York State, which is then used to defray the cost of the Project.
- District Capital Reserve Funds. The Project is anticipated to use \$2.5 million in funds from the existing Capital Reserve, which has been specifically designed to help reduce the cost of capital projects such as this one.
- Timing the Project to Align With Declining Existing Debt. Each year, the district includes debt service as part of the annual budget. After the 2023-2024 school year, a significant portion of that annual debt service, approximately \$1.3 million, will be paid off. By timing the debt payments associated with this Project to align with the debt which is dropping off, the amount of annual debt service in the budget will be equal to or less than the current amount, and so will not require additional tax to be levied on our residents as a result of this Project.

Can I see a breakdown of the costs associated with the Project, by building/site?

Site Location	Infrastructure Costs	Program Enhancement Costs	Total Cost
CET	\$4,249,000	\$3,293,000	\$7,542,500
PVC	\$5,904,000	\$2,700,500	\$8,604,500
CHHS	\$5,282,000	\$13,704,000	\$18,986,000
Spencer Field Complex	-	\$8,520,000	\$8,520,000
Operations Buildings (Transportation, District Office, Maintenance Building)	\$1,847,000	-	\$1,847,000

What is the timeline for this project?

A detailed [presentation](#) was made to the Board of Education on September 15, 2022. A comprehensive communications plan has been activated to ensure transparency and that the entire community is well-informed about the project, as well as opportunities to provide input and ask questions.

On October 20, 2022, the Board will consider the Resolution on whether to present a Community Referendum. If passed, the proposed community vote to authorize the bond financing for the Capital Project will be held on December 13, 2022.

If the community approves the Project on December 13, what is the anticipated timeline for the work to be completed?

[Click here to view the anticipated project timeline](#)

Is there one place where I find resources and information related to this Project?

Yes! Please visit chufsd.org/future_facilities for our website dedicated to this Project. This webpage is regularly updated with new information, so please check back often!

