



NRW North Rose-Wolcott Central School District

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

CAPITAL PROJECT VOTE

Thursday, December 16, 2021
12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
NRW High School
11631 Salter-Colvin Road
Wolcott, NY 14590

Voting is open to anyone who is a legal resident within the North Rose-Wolcott Central School District for a period of 30 days immediately prior to December 16, 2021, a citizen of the United States and at least 18 years of age.

Qualified voters may obtain applications for an absentee ballot from the District Clerk or online at www.nrwcs.org.

Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk:

By 4 p.m. on December 9, 2021 if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter; or

By 5 p.m. on December 15, 2021 if the ballot is to be provided to the voter in person.

Questions on absentee ballots may be directed to the District Clerk by email at tstjohn@nrwcs.org or by telephone at (315) 594-2020.

Message from the Superintendent

Dear North Rose-Wolcott Community,

On Thursday, December 16, NR-W district residents will have the opportunity to vote on a capital project proposal that would allow the district to address a number of facilities issues, make needed improvements, and preserve district assets for years to come.

The vote will take place from **12-9 p.m. Thursday, December 16** in the North Rose-Wolcott High School foyer. A single proposition on the ballot will ask voters for authorization to make \$11.1 million in improvements. This project comes with no additional impact to the tax rate. The \$3 million local share will come from existing capital reserve funds. State aid will cover the remaining cost.

At the **elementary school**, the District is proposing window replacement, masonry work, and replacement of the gymnasium's exterior metal panels.

At the **high school**, deteriorating masonry would be repaired on the west side of the building and the 30-year-old roof over the gymnasium would be replaced. The Alternative Learning Center (ALC) rooms would be reconfigured, rooms 140 and 141 would be converted to a large group instruction area, and a secure, accessible entrance would be created on the east side of the building to help people better access the District Office. Planned work for the auditorium includes accessibility improvements, upgraded lighting and audiovisual equipment, and new seats and carpeting.

Our **athletic facilities** would also receive a refresh, including replacement of the 20-year-old track surface; new, ADA-compliant bleachers with a press box; a new concession stand with restrooms; and new dugouts. Lastly, our **maintenance building** would receive a much-needed roof replacement.

We are excited about this opportunity to address our most pressing facilities needs in a fiscally responsible manner. We hope to see you on Thursday, December 16. Thank you for your continued support of the North Rose-Wolcott Central School District.

Respectfully,

Michael Pullen
Superintendent of Schools



2021 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The North Rose-Wolcott Central School District is proposing \$11.1 million in capital improvements to address building needs at North Rose-Wolcott High School, North Rose-Wolcott Elementary School, the district's maintenance facility, and the athletic fields. This project would be funded through \$3,036,697 in the capital reserve approved by district voters in May 2017, with the remaining funds coming from state aid. This proposed project will have no impact on school taxes.

Proposed Improvements

HIGH SCHOOL

- Repairs to masonry on gymnasium exterior wall
- Gymnasium roof replacement
- Reconfiguration of Alternative Learning Center (ALC) rooms
- Conversion of rooms 140 and 141 to large group instruction / meeting area
- Secure, closer accessible entrance to District Office area on east side of building near parking lot
- Auditorium updates including new seats and carpeting, upgraded lighting and audiovisual equipment, and full accessibility

ATHLETIC FACILITIES

- Replacement of track surface
- New, accessible bleachers
- New concession stand with restrooms
- New dugouts and press box

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Window replacement in original section of building
- Replacement of gymnasium metal panels
- Masonry work

MAINTENANCE FACILITY

- Roof replacement



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CAPITAL PROJECT Q AND A

The district just closed out a capital project. Why do another at this time?

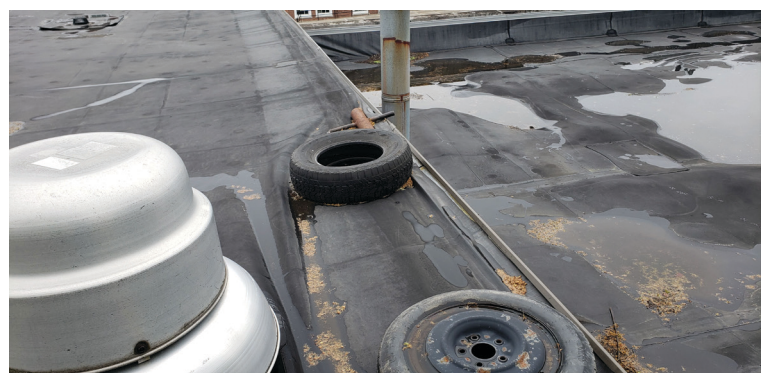
By being strategic about capital improvement projects, the district can capitalize on the state building aid available to us to make needed improvements to our facilities. This proposed project would utilize state aid in conjunction with just over \$3 million in capital reserve funding approved by district voters in 2017. This would prevent the district from having to use general fund money to make costly emergency repairs in the future. In combination with a robust preventive maintenance plan, this project would allow the district to preserve its assets for years to come in a fiscally responsible manner.

If the proposition passes, when would construction begin?

We hope to start replacement of the roofs over the high school gymnasium and the maintenance building in the summer or fall of 2022. The remaining work would likely begin in the spring of 2023.

What happens if the proposition doesn't pass?

The district will eventually need to address some of these issues, particularly the roofs over the high school gymnasium and the maintenance building, regardless of whether the proposition passes. These roofs have already shown leaks, and our maintenance staff anticipates the problems will only worsen with time. Passing this proposition will enable the district to use state aid and capital reserve funding to complete these repairs. Without voter authorization to use those funds, we would need to turn to the general fund, which would be cost-prohibitive. Additionally, waiting to complete these repairs could result in increased construction costs in the future.



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Proposition

Shall the Board of Education undertake a capital improvement project consisting of renovations, reconstruction, alterations and improvements to the District's High School Building and campus, the District's Elementary School Building and campus, and the District's Maintenance Building, all to include site, access, parking and playfield improvements, demolition, utility, mechanical, plumbing and electrical improvements, the acquisition of original furnishings, fixtures and equipment and payment of professional fees and all other necessary costs incidental to such work, and expend therefore a total sum not to exceed \$11,100,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and pay for the project by using \$3,036,697 from the Capital Reserve approved by the District's voters on May 16, 2017 and by the levy of a tax which is hereby voted for the project in the amount of \$8,063,303, subject to available State Aid, which tax shall be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, bonds and notes of the District are hereby authorized to be issued at one time, or from time to time, in the principal amount not to exceed \$8,063,303, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said obligations when due?



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